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...FROM THE EDITOR

As you flip through this issue of GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, you'll notice features on Scrabble, chess, and vintage board games—some by authors relatively new to these pages. We're excited that a whole new crop of clever puzzle mavens wants to contribute to the magazine and we're delighted to share their work with you.

Let's start with "Your Word Against Mine: Scrabble Happenings, Puzzles, and Tips" by top-ranked player Scott Appel. According to the results of our December 2014 survey, many of you love Scrabble. If you'd like to improve your game and have fun at the same time, Scott is the go-to-guy. As the title suggests, he offers tips and exercises that will teach you to think like a Scrabble pro.

If you enjoy chess, try "Sole Survivor," a game played on a chessboard and following the rules of chess, by Dennis Shasha. Dennis's long and distinguished resumé includes writing puzzle columns for *Scientific American* and *Dr. Dobb's* Journal. We are thrilled that he is now contributing his fiendishly fun brainteasers to GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES.

Regular contributor Jonathan Schmalzbach returns with a nostalgic piece called "This Old Game." Jonathan took a deep dive into his personal collection of vintage board games and came up with The Crosby Derby, a 1947 horse-racing game capitalizing on both the popularity of horse racing and of Bing Crosby, the biggest star of the era.

We'd also like to remind all of you crossword lovers that the 2016 American Crossword Puzzle Tournament is fast approaching. Directed by Will Shortz and held from April 1 to 3, the 39th annual tournament offers a chance for the crossword community to gather in a relaxed and congenial atmosphere. This year's tournament will feature a film tribute to beloved constructor and ACPT regular Merl Reagle, who passed away last August. Other important members of the crossword community whom we lost during the past year—Henry Hook, Leslie Billig, and six-time ACPT champion Doug Hoylman—will also be honored. For more information about the ACPT, go to www.crosswordtournament.com.

And finally, a correction: Regrettably, our overzealous editing introduced some errors into David Kwong's clever crossword puzzle "Numbers Game," which appeared on page 52 of the January issue. These errors related to the theme and detracted from David's crossword constructing, which we think is great. We won't give away too much in case you'd like to try the corrected puzzle. It can be found on our website, www.gamesmagazine-online.com, or you may email us at games@kappapublishing.com to request a print copy of the corrected puzzle.

Now dig in and start solving!

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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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G	L	O	U	A	D		A	C	E	N	T	G
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U	R	C	O	N	T		A	R	Y	L	O	N
M	A	R	G	P	A		I	F	Y	N	D	E
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A	P	R	A	N	C		O	B	B	I	N	T
C	O	N	T	R	I		E	P	L	S	Y	N
G	R	O	U	P	E		P	O	S	U	R	E
P	R	B	L	O	C		E	S	T	R	I	A
C	H	R	E	A	I		F	I	E	L	D	G
S	C	O	M	P	O		E	L	D	M	B	Y
D	I	M	W	I	N		Y	L	O	A	C	E
S	E	L	O	U	R		R	I	P	L	E	W
P	A	S	U	P	R		A	R	B	A	C	E
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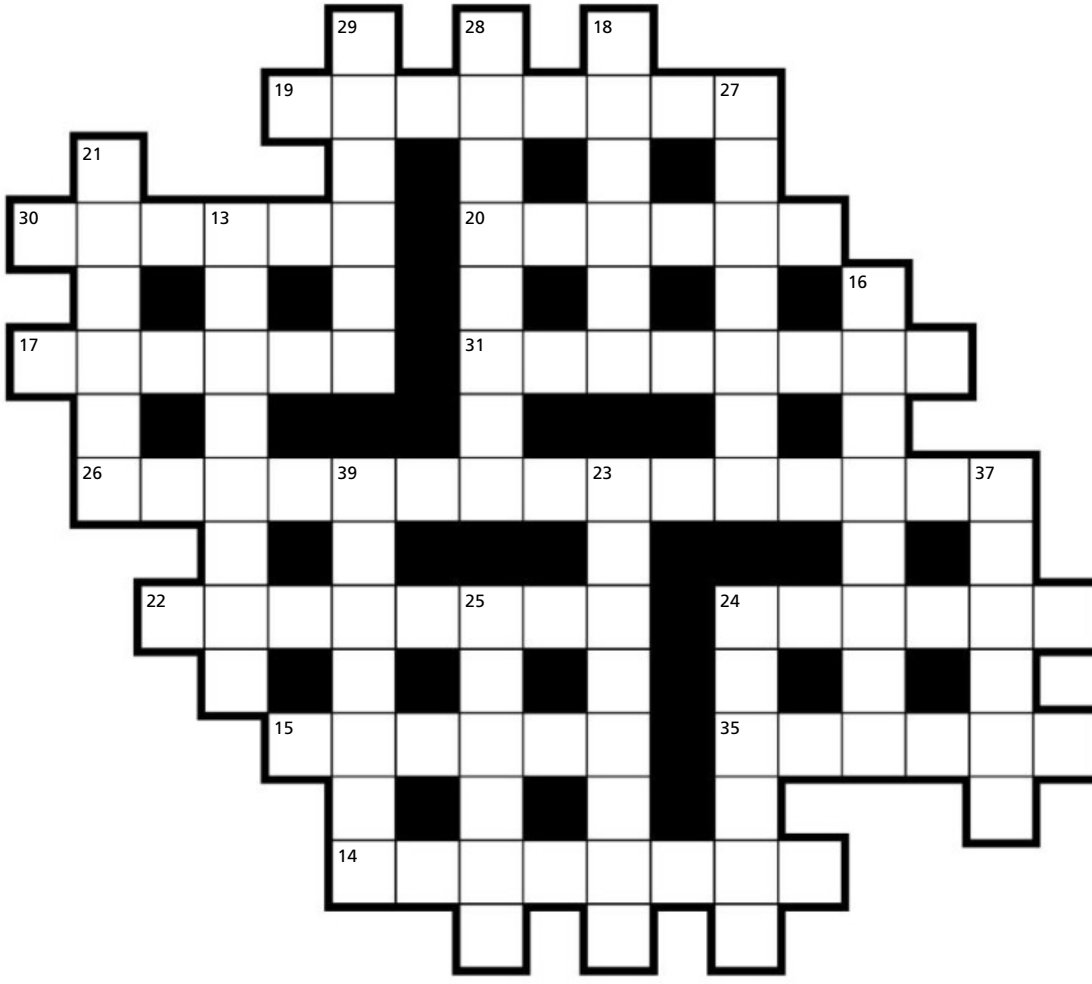
Mixed Doubles

BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL

Each answer word in this crossword variation has two clues leading to it, using different meanings of the word. The clues are separated into Across and Down, but are otherwise ordered randomly.

When you find two Across clues or two Down clues that seem to have the same answer, add up their clue numbers to determine the place in the grid where the answer should be entered. For example, if the clue for 1-Across were "Metallic element" and the clue for 17-Across read "Starring role," the answer would be "lead," which would go in the box labeled 18 (1 + 17). Note: Tags such as "Hyph." and "2 wds." have been omitted.

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ACROSS

1 Wee
2 Permanently fixed, as a memory
3 Reality show whose 31st season takes place in Cambodia
4 Uncomplicated
5 Hold one's emotions in check
6 Use as a tax deduction, perhaps
7 Lemon-scented furniture polish
8 Give money to a radio station, say
9 Nervously walking back and forth
10 Attempt, as a guess
11 One who makes it through a harrowing situation
12 Person legally responsible for another
13 Dismiss as a lost cause
14 Applies to be a new sorority sister
15 Tortoise's asset, in Aesop's fable
16 Impressionist Rich
17 Maintain a low temperature
18 Used acid to create art
19 British daily newspaper
20 Dangerous obstacle on a road
21 Goes too fast
22 Directly ahead

DOWN

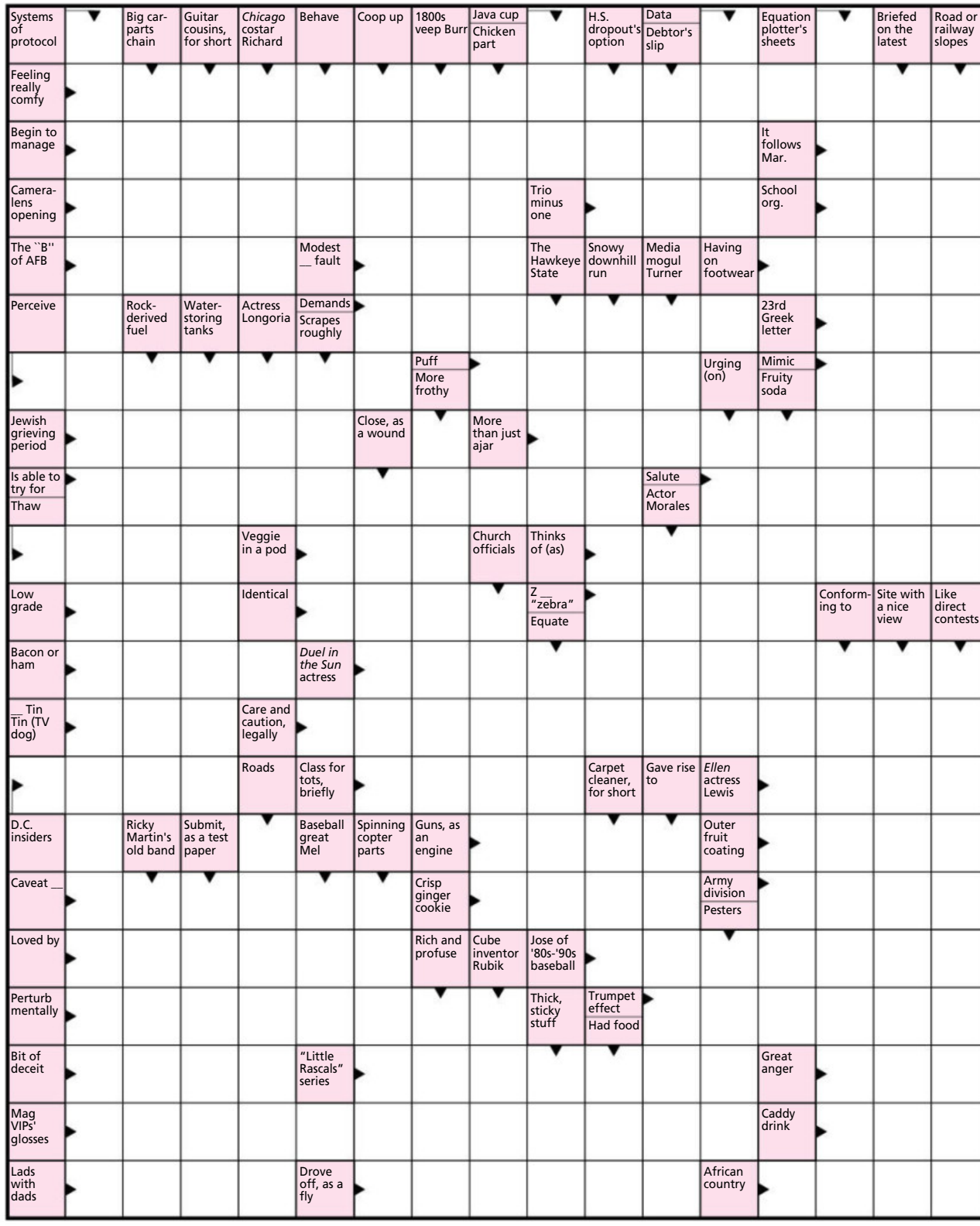
1 "Ohhh…I see"
2 Completed, as a form
3 Major roadways
4 Excuse
5 Bone in the forearm
6 What spinach gives Popeye
7 Checking account figures
8 Baseballer Cecil or his son Prince
9 Evenly distributes weight
10 Veins' counterparts
11 Card game played with dummies?
12 Drill sergeant's directives
13 Particular sequences
14 Dasher's sleigh team partner
15 Full-size Chevrolet sedans
16 Half the diameter of a circle
17 Trickster's shout
18 You might pay a toll to cross it
19 Fly ball catcher, e.g.
20 Postponement of punishment
21 Substituted (for)
22 Potency
23 Misty Copeland, for one
24 African antelopes

PENCIL POINTERS 1

BY FRANK LONGO

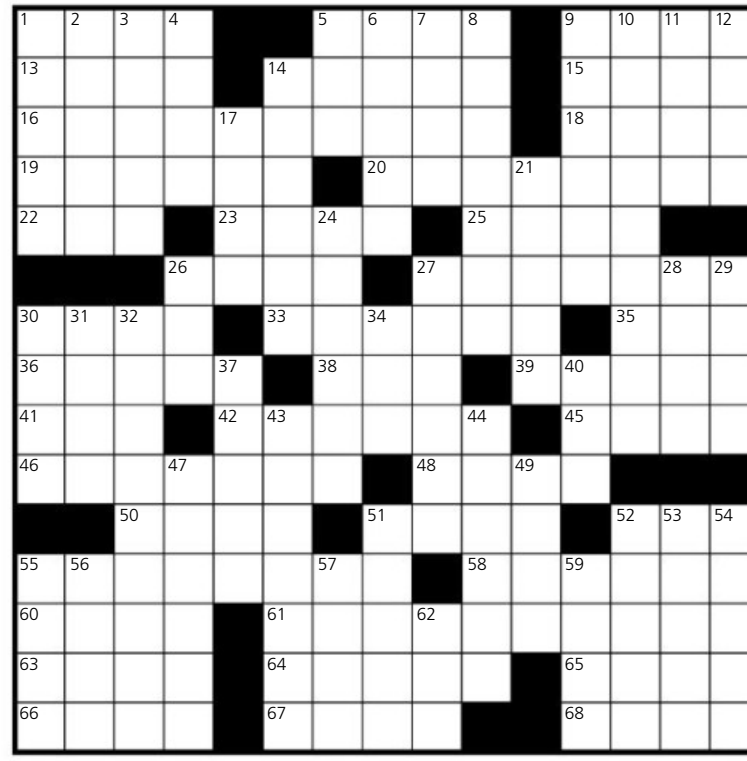
In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

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Don't Just Stand There

BY NORMA STEINBERG



ANSWER, PAGE 70

ACROSS

1 *Frozen* heroine
5 Head over heels
9 Barbecue rod
13 Minnesota's state bird
14 Obama's vice president
15 Head of Paris?
16 Local "capital": 2 wds.
18 Diner sign
19 Haifa's nation
20 Glitches
22 ___ Moines
23 Final
25 Manicurist's target
26 Mr. Gingrich
27 Hearth residue
30 Feed the kitty
33 Western brawl setting, often
35 Get-up-and-go
36 Plunders
38 Neither's partner
39 Piece of asparagus
41 Zsa Zsa's sister
42 Hollywood status symbols
45 Out of kilter
46 Rhythmic flow
48 Scored 100% on
50 Night light
51 Indistinct image
52 Fit ___ fiddle: 2 wds.
55 Drench
58 Alarm clock, e.g.
60 Trudge
61 Johnny Rotten, for one: 2 wds.
63 Lotion additive
64 Take pleasure in
65 VIP's wheels
66 Wire measures
67 Uttered
68 Once again

DOWN

1 National hero of Spain: 2 wds.
2 Baggy
3 Goes bad, as milk
4 Paquin or Pavlova
5 U.S. soldiers, briefly
6 Skilled
7 Equipment
8 Actor Banderas
9 Impassive
10 Cartoon skunk: 3 wds.
11 Dating couple
12 Change for a twenty
14 Local regulations
17 Prefix for scope or vision
21 Notice of an intended marriage
24 Batter's position
26 Take-home pay
27 Ranch enclosure
28 Raise, as a child
29 Nimble
30 Sir Guinness
31 PBS science series
32 Leprechaun's perch
34 Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano)
37 Submarine detector
40 Word with lily or launch
43 Brushes with the law
44 Make haste
47 Piano practice pieces
49 Suffix for switch
51 Movie pooch
52 Invite to enter: 2 wds.
53 "…and ___ in the morning": 2 wds.
54 It's in a quiver
55 Unwanted e-mail
56 "That's ___ need to know": 2 wds.
57 Albacore, e.g.
59 Home of the Bruins, for short
62 Floored, briefly

Eager Weaver

BY MARGERY ALBIS

Here's a simple weaving task that requires neither loom nor thread: Just distribute the five letters accompanying each set to form a common 10-letter word.

ANSWERS, PAGE 70

1. M P S T U __ O __ A __ S I ___

2. G H I P T S __ A ___ E __ T __

3. A D K M R T ___ ___ E __ A R __

4. B D R U V __ O __ L E __ A ___

5. D E O P V __ A __ E S __ R ___

6. A H O R T ___ C __ E S __ R __

7. C L N O T B ___ A __ I __ A __

8. E I T V W __ N __ E R __ I ___

9. D F H O S __ A L __ E ___ O __

10. A D L M O __ R __ A __ I __ L __

To the Nines

BY SHAWN KENNEDY

The answer to each clue below is a nine-letter word built from three side-by-side triplets culled from the list at right. Cross off each triplet as you use it, and write each answer word in the blank. When all the triplets have been used, it's time to fill in the grid.

Transfer four letters from each answer into the grid as indicated by the numbers. In Puzzle 1, for example, Answer 1's third, sixth, seventh, and first letters belong in the top row of squares, in that order. When the grid is filled, read down the columns in order from left to right to reveal a quotation by the given author. Most of the clues are misleading, so prepare yourself for some heavy-duty groaning!

ANSWERS, PAGE 70

PUZZLE 1

JOHN OSBORNE

1. It's a little off _____

2. Class-conscious kid _____

3. Place to find hot chicks _____

4. Greens giant _____

5. Game for singles _____

6. Piazza place _____

7. Foreign delicacy _____

8. Blow it onstage _____

9. Braking point _____

3	6	7	1
5	4	1	7
2	8	6	4
7	1	6	5
5	6	9	3
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4	9	5	7

TRIPLETS

ACY	HER	ORE
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BIV	INC	RTY
BOY	ION	SCH
COU	IRE	SOL
DED	ITA	STO
DIP	LOM	TOR
GHT	MON	UBA
HAR	OOL	UCT

PUZZLE 2

JONATHAN SWIFT

1. Flat on the top _____

2. Sunset in Hollywood _____

3. Sub director _____

4. Leave in stitches _____

5. Strikebreaker _____

6. Straw boss _____

7. Symbol of your rights _____

8. PC term _____

9. Non-PC term _____

1	3	4	6
8	9	7	1
7	8	3	9
2	6	1	3
7	9	3	2
1	6	3	8
5	2	4	9
8	2	1	5
2	8	6	5

TRIPLETS

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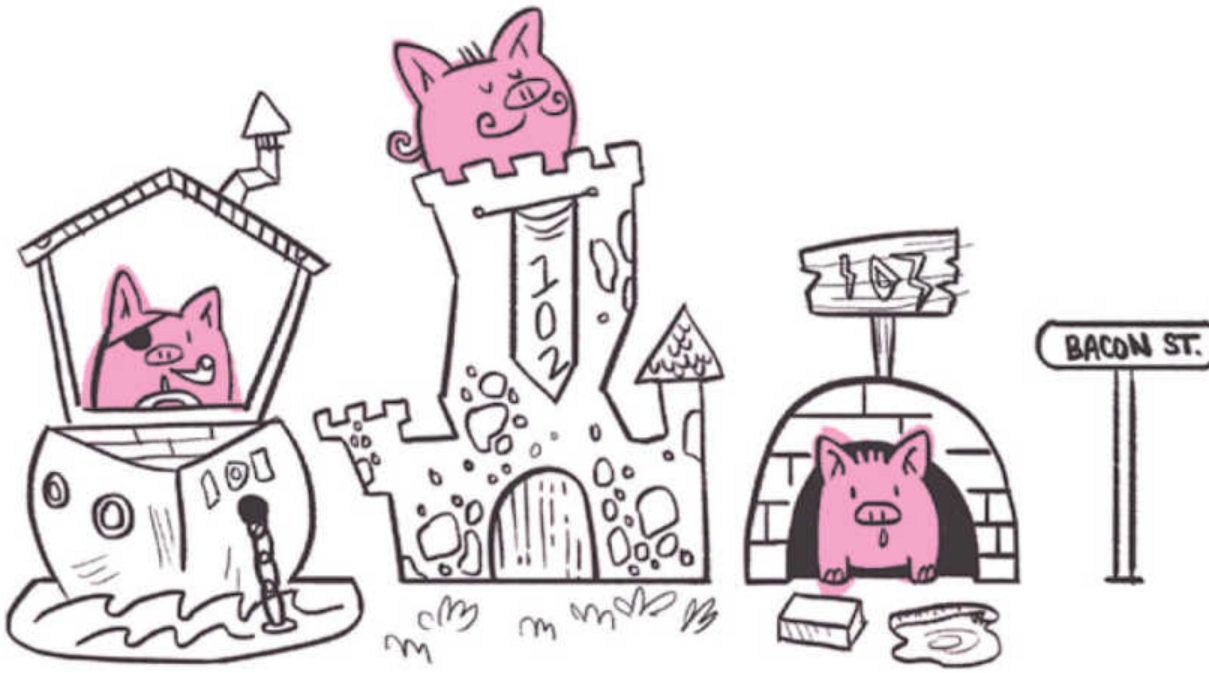
Kid stuff: From House to House

In this maze you may travel one box at a time up, down, left, or right, but not diagonally. Here's the catch: You may only move between boxes if the words in those boxes can be joined together, in order, to form a compound word. For example, you could move from a box with the word PAPER to a neighboring box with the word WEIGHT, since PAPERWEIGHT is a word. (But you could not move from WEIGHT to PAPER, because WEIGHTPAPER is not a word.)

Using these rules, can you find your way from the HOUSE in the upper left to the HOUSE in the lower right?

ANSWER, PAGE 71

HOUSE	WORK	BOOK	WORM	SIDE	KICK	OFF	SET
FLY	PAPER	BACK	HOLE	WAY	WORK	HAND	BAG
LIFT	WEIGHT	GROUND	WATER	PARK	BRIDGE	SPRING	PIPE
OUT	WASH	HOG	SHED	BALL	FOOT	STEP	LINE
DOOR	HORSE	SAW	DUST	POINT	TENDER	SISTER	UP
STOP	OVER	SEE	PAN	HANDLE	BAR	COACH	STAGE
WATCH	OFF	SIDE	CAKE	WOOD	WIND	MAN	POWER
BAND	STAND	WALK	OUT	BOX	MILL	MAD	**HOUSE**

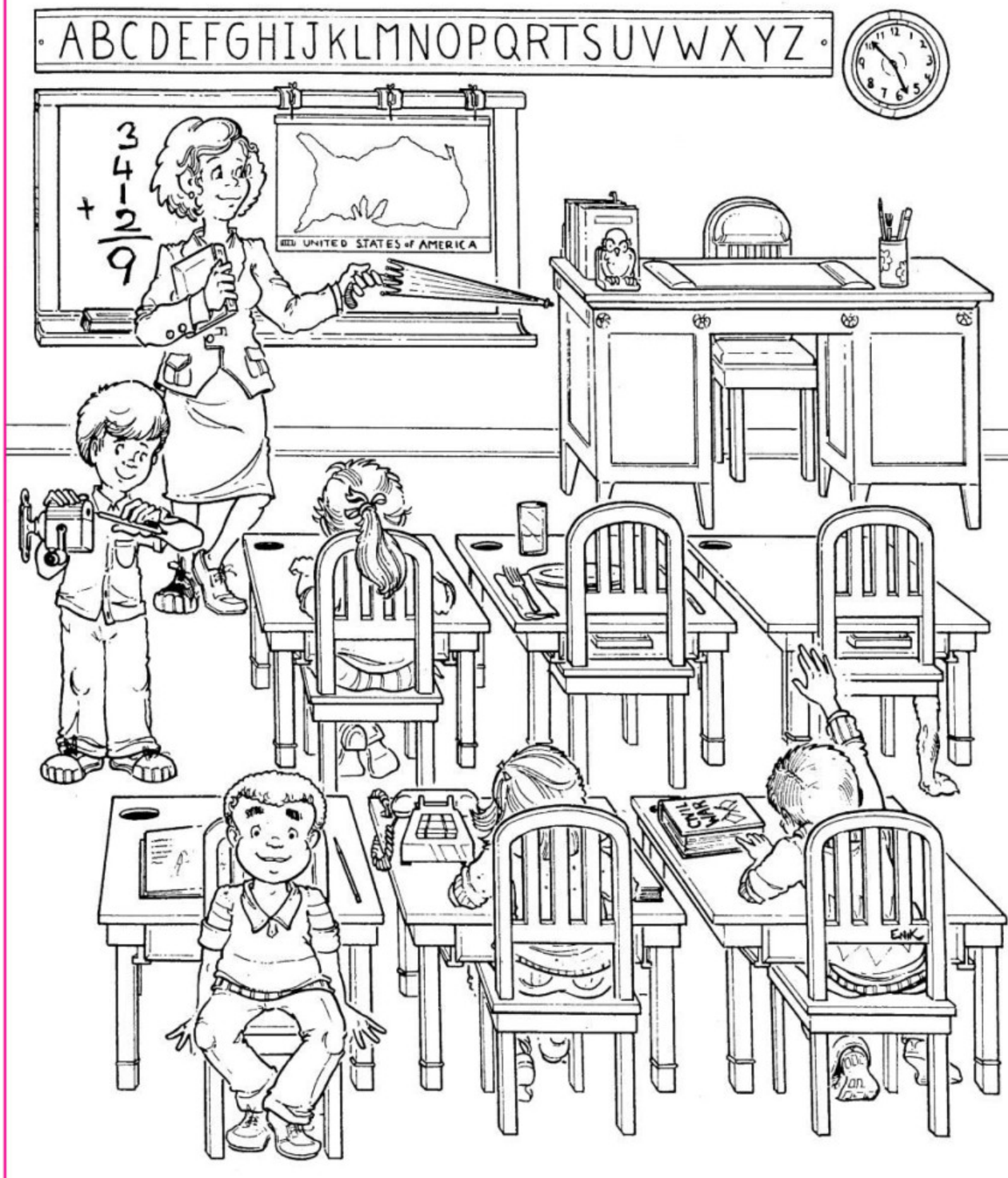


Classroom Caper

Can you find 10 or more things wrong with this schoolroom scene?

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PUZZLE BY KAREN RICHARDS/ILLUSTRATION BY TED ENIK



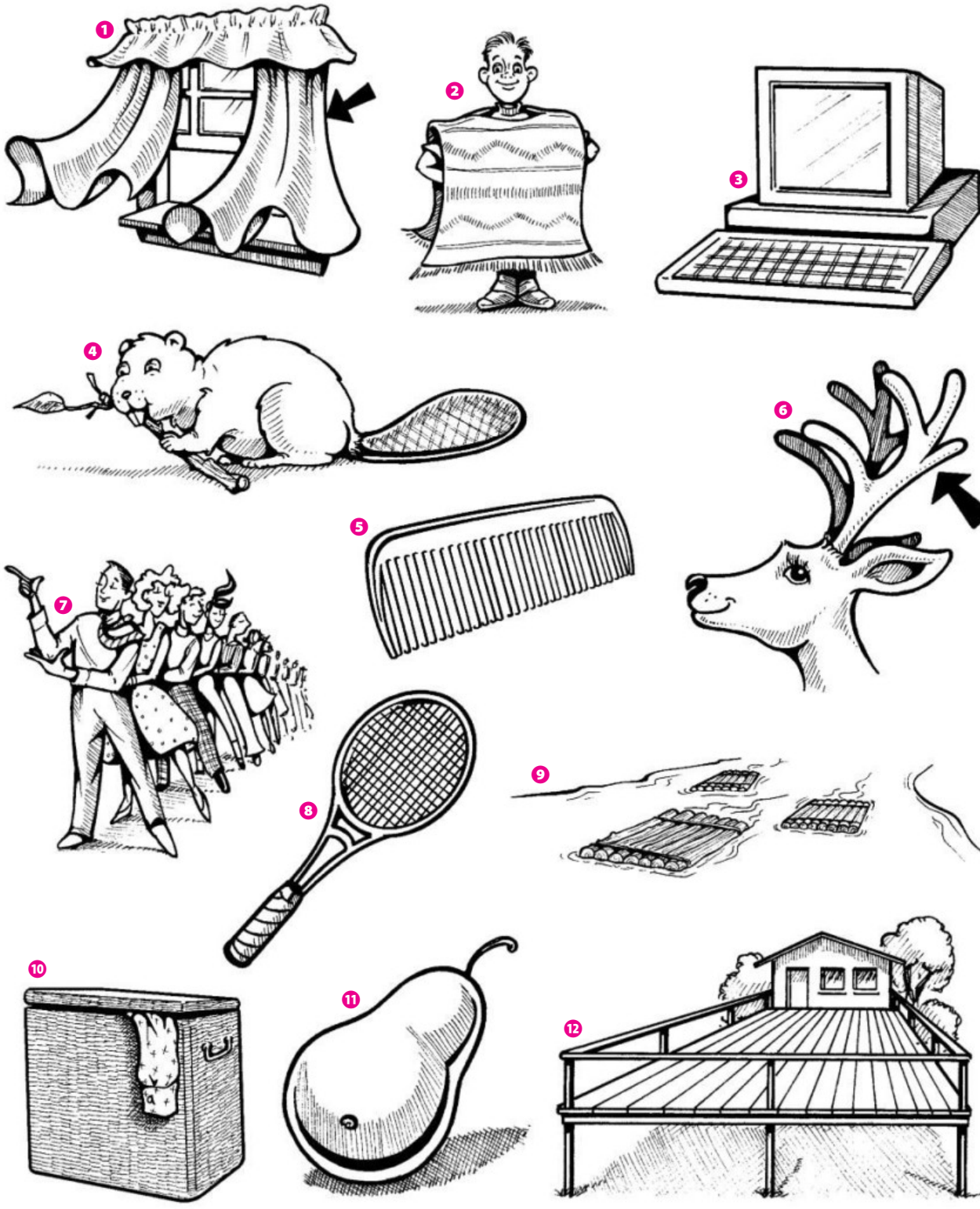
TWO-FOR-ONE

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At first glance, these pictures seem to have nothing in common. However, they can be grouped into sets of three. Here's how to form a trio: Identify two of the pictures, remove one letter from each of their names, and combine the two to make the third item. For example, if you take a MOUSE and remove the O, pair it with an UMP and remove the P, you get MUSE + UM, or MUSEUM. Once you've identified the items and formed eight trios, you'll find that there are two pictures left over. Remove one letter from each of them and put them together to spell out a special message.

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ILLUSTRATIONS BY JODY JOBE




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Quote Boxes

BY JENNIFER OREHOWSKY

To solve Quote Boxes, drop the letters from each vertical column—not necessarily in the order in which they appear—into the empty squares below them to spell a quotation reading from left to right, line by line. Words may continue from one line to the next; black squares indicate ends of words. The author of each quote is given above its grid.

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1. Honoré de Balzac

L	A	E	S	G	H	A	S	S	S	T	I	D	A	T	H	H	T	I	S	T	T
L	R	W	O	N	P	R	W	G	E	C	N	C	T	U	G	E	E	L	G		F
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2. Mark Zuckerberg

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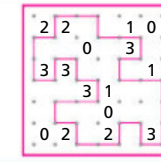
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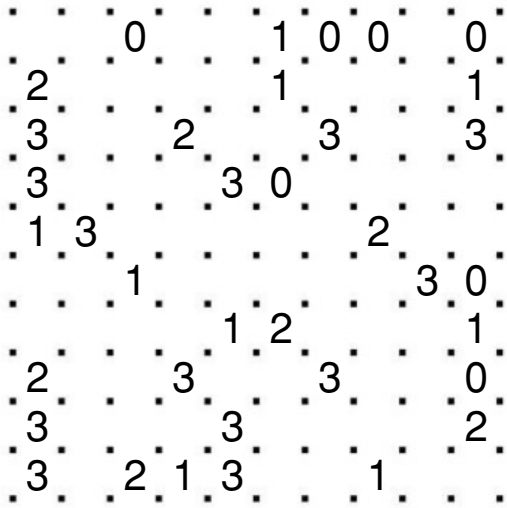
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Your goal in this puzzle is to fence off a part of the grid with a closed circuit. Just draw a line from dot to dot (horizontally or vertically—never diagonally), continuing until you return to your starting dot. Each digit indicates the number of fence segments you must draw along the sides of that numbered square. The example at right shows a solved puzzle.

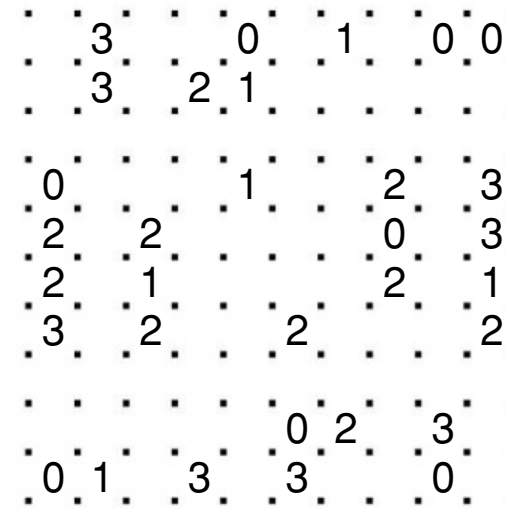
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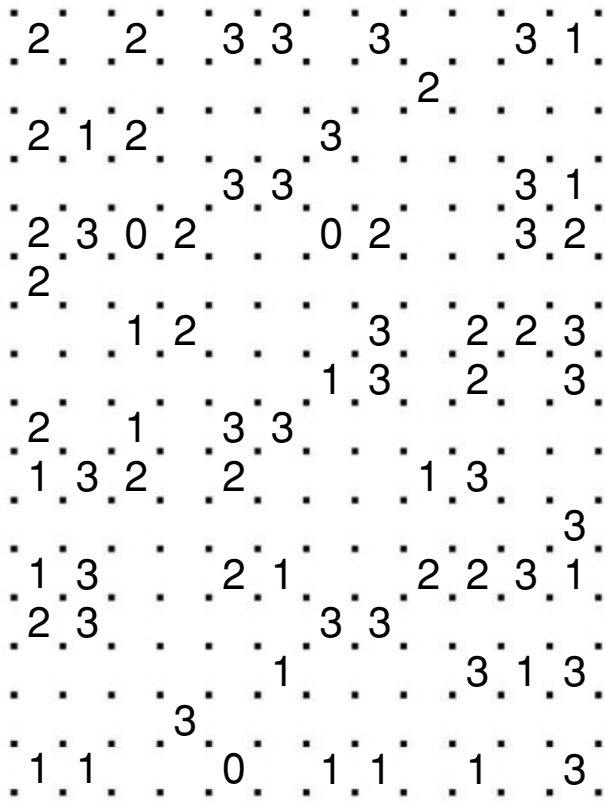
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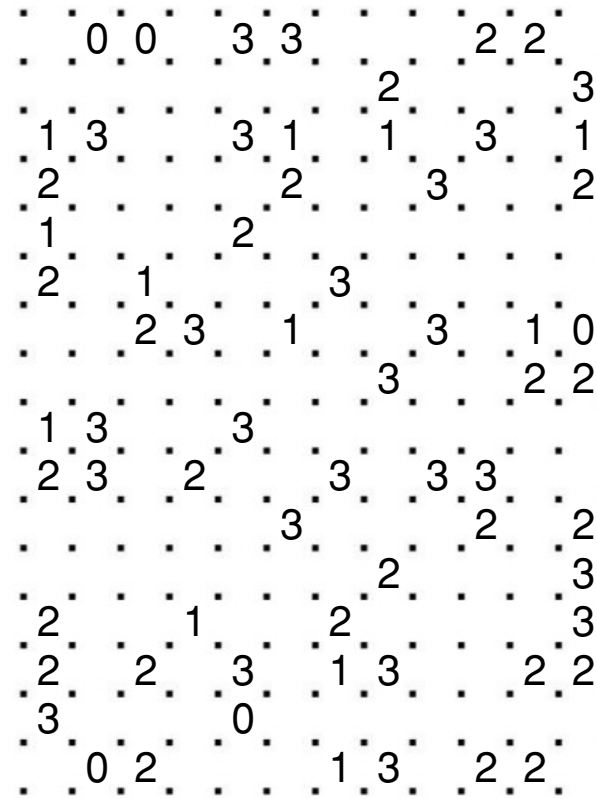
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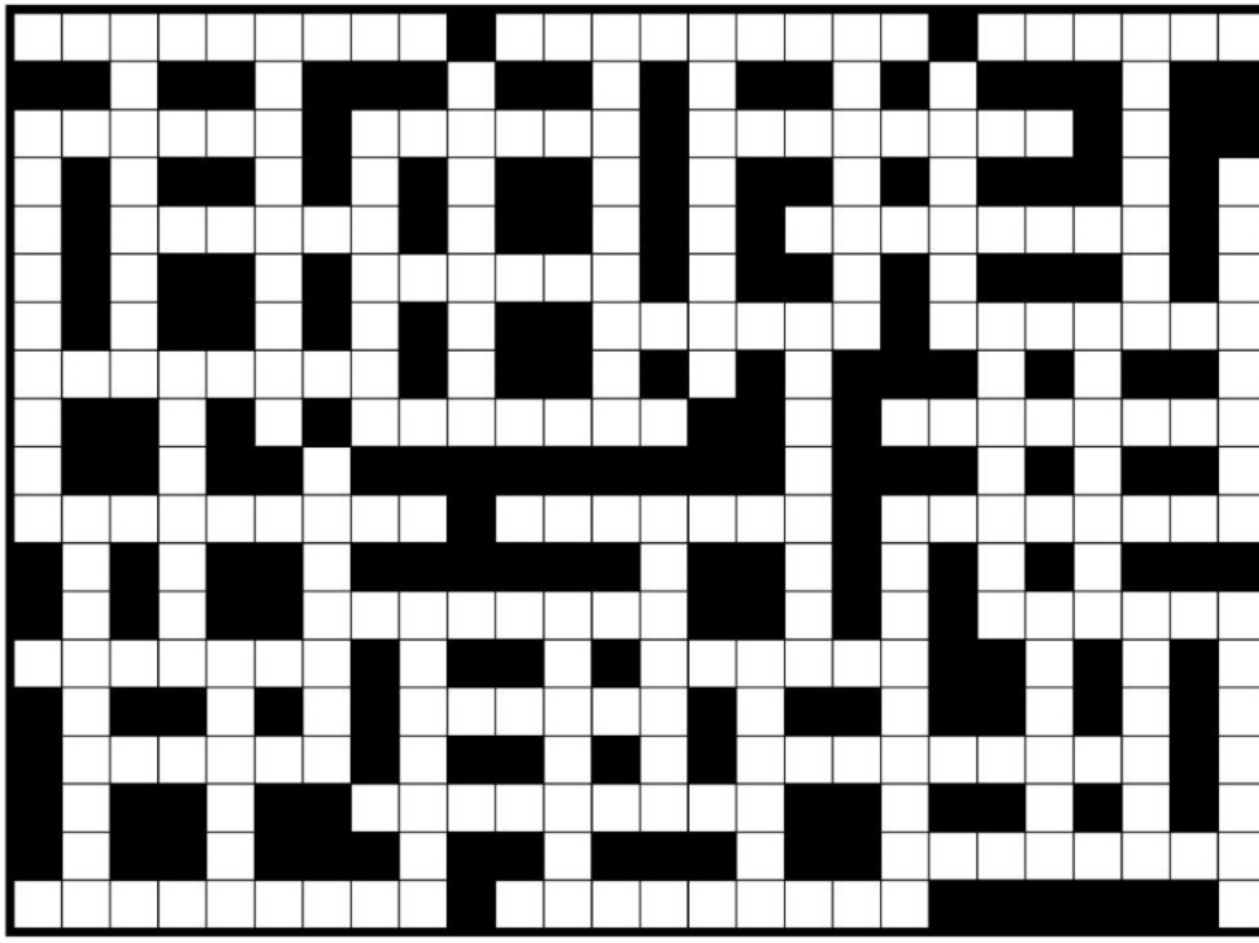


Familiarity Breeds Contempt

BY RAYMOND YOUNG

Just as close proximity between people can lead to friction, two identical letters may need separating. All of the words and phrases listed below have a double letter, believe it or not. We just put another letter between them. So you won't see a word like PEER, but you may see PETER instead. Fill all of the words into the grid in standard crossword fashion so that all of the letters get along.

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6 LETTERS

ALEXEI
A LOT OF
A MAJOR
CANINE
CUMULI
DNA LAB
EVEN SO
ELIXIR
FIZGIG
HOBOED
ICE TEA
LA-DE-DA
NEVADA
PLUG UP
USES UP

7 LETTERS

AS A GIFT
AWKWARD
BIKINIS
DADAISM
ENGAGED
GO TO SEA
ICE COLD
JAI ALAI
MARSALA
POP-TART
SCHEMED
SUZUKIS
TATSUMI
THE POPE
TINY TOT

8 LETTERS

BAD STATE
CIPHERED
EARDRUMS
LIMITING
MEN OF OLD
MR. MISTER
ON SAFARI
RENT-A-CAR
SUM TOTAL
TAHITIAN
WHITENER
WHITE TIE

9 LETTERS

CRYBABIES
DERELICTS
DODGE CITY
DOTS THE I'S
EARN A NAME
ENERGY BAR
HIYA THERE
MY OPINION
SHRUG AWAY
ST. STEPHEN
TELEFAXED
UN MOMENTO

Disappearing Ink

BY MARK DANNA

In many an old cloak-and-dagger story, someone writes a message in disappearing ink, and soon after it's been read, the message disappears. Well, in this puzzle, it's not the message but the consecutive letters I-N-K that disappear from every word and phrase in the grid. For example, CLINKETY-CLANK in the list will appear only as CLETYCLANK in the grid. (The grid's shape is an old-fashioned quill pen dipped into a bottle of ink.) See if you can spy all 48 items, which are hidden in the grid either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, but always in a straight line. The answer, not the INK, appears on page 72.

BLINKER
BOBOLINK
BULLWINKLE
CLINKER
CLINKETY-CLANK
CRINKLY
DINKIEST
DOWNLINK
DRINKABLE
GINKGO TREE
HANS BRINKER
HELSINKI
HIJINKS
IBM THINKPAD
INDIA INK
INKBLOT TEST
INKLINGS
INKWELL
IT'S SINK OR SWIM
KINKAJOU
KINKIER
LINKIN PARK
LINKUPS
METHINKS
MINK STOLE
MINKE WHALE
OINKING
ON THE BLINK
PAINKILLER
PINKERTON
PINKEYE
PINK PANTHER
PINK SLIP
PINKY RING
RATFINK
RIP VAN WINKLE
SHRINK-WRAP
SINKHOLE
SLINKED
SPRINKLER SYSTEM
STINK BOMB
TIDDLYWINKS
TINKER BELL
TINKERTOYS
TRINKETS
TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR
WINKING
WRINKLE

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                C T R
    B L E R E W
A M S T O L E
L U P S R L Y S
S H T E M I K
U T L T N A T
S C B T J P
H H L O B O B
R A U L M K
W N H B I B
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N N
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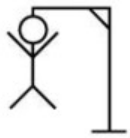
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E L O H S T D I E S T
T H A C D R A B L E A
    H L E P E
    R W E H P
  I I T E T E P
  P T W N T M Y E A
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P S L I P V H R E E D B E C L N O T R E P
T G I R A T S E L T T I L E L W T E L W T
T N L N W O D T L H A N A I C A L H L W A
M I W S R O S S T I D D L Y W S N L E R S
L L E B R E T N O J T L I N P A R K U R W
E U N S M E T S Y S R E L R P S A B L B E
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Solitaire Hangman

As in the two-player version of Hangman, the object of this solitaire challenge is to guess a word before being "hanged." To begin, choose any letter that you think might appear in word I below. Suppose you pick E. Go to the Letter Chart on the facing page and find the number listed in row E of Column I (because you are working on word I). The number is 15; you now look in box number 15 in the Position Chart (to the right of the Letter Chart) and locate the number 2. This means the letter E occurs in the second position (and nowhere else) in word I. If a letter occurs more than once in a word, the Position Chart will show all its locations.

If you find from the Position Chart that a letter appears in position 0, then that letter does not appear in the word. As a penalty for an incorrect guess, you must draw part of a stick figure below the scaffold beside the blanks. On your first incorrect guess, draw the head; on the second, the body; and on the next four, the arms and legs. If you complete the figure (that is, make six incorrect guesses) before identifying the word, you are "hanged."



If you can identify 8 of the 12 words before being hanged, either you're psychic or you have a remarkable gift for words.

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Words To Be Guessed | **Letters Missed**

I.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
II.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
III.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
IV.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
V.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
VI.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
VII.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7			
VIII.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
IX.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
X.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
XI.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
XII.	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	

BY JENNIFER OREHOWSKY

Letter Chart

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
A	99	68	3	97	5	22	24	51	45	34	26	48	A
B	69	75	25	49	20	4	44	57	35	21	66	58	B
C	7	50	56	16	98	61	86	20	69	46	31	60	C
D	10	31	35	31	4	6	69	46	38	33	57	1	D
E	15	9	77	4	57	74	67	4	39	60	6	42	E
F	49	99	58	57	31	23	91	39	58	42	44	14	F
G	14	22	63	79	46	20	6	24	1	84	58	30	G
H	6	42	91	14	71	58	20	16	77	39	2	69	H
I	58	12	54	91	47	45	70	62	60	100	52	66	I
J	16	6	22	35	33	35	39	54	14	72	46	49	J
K	54	44	65	11	99	77	46	44	16	20	24	16	K
L	31	73	45	39	55	81	99	59	92	18	45	39	L
M	28	72	43	60	76	84	57	23	42	75	83	27	M
N	4	94	13	55	35	17	33	89	64	30	4	96	N
O	2	23	32	29	75	16	80	37	53	4	68	23	O
P	23	16	42	45	42	71	77	25	22	71	19	85	P
Q	46	60	6	1	49	54	75	99	23	49	84	91	Q
R	18	69	69	41	58	5	22	33	63	77	33	78	R
S	71	19	16	44	44	60	87	6	31	99	13	24	S
T	39	14	60	99	45	93	76	63	54	82	54	90	T
U	81	84	84	69	41	88	84	31	86	8	94	71	U
V	24	24	71	58	24	1	23	75	91	44	16	45	V
W	1	57	1	33	1	31	49	69	36	6	23	77	W
X	33	46	23	54	77	42	61	91	99	57	35	35	X
Y	77	40	14	22	91	49	35	2	95	54	20	44	Y
Z	20	71	75	84	14	14	45	71	71	22	75	31	Z
	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	

Position Chart

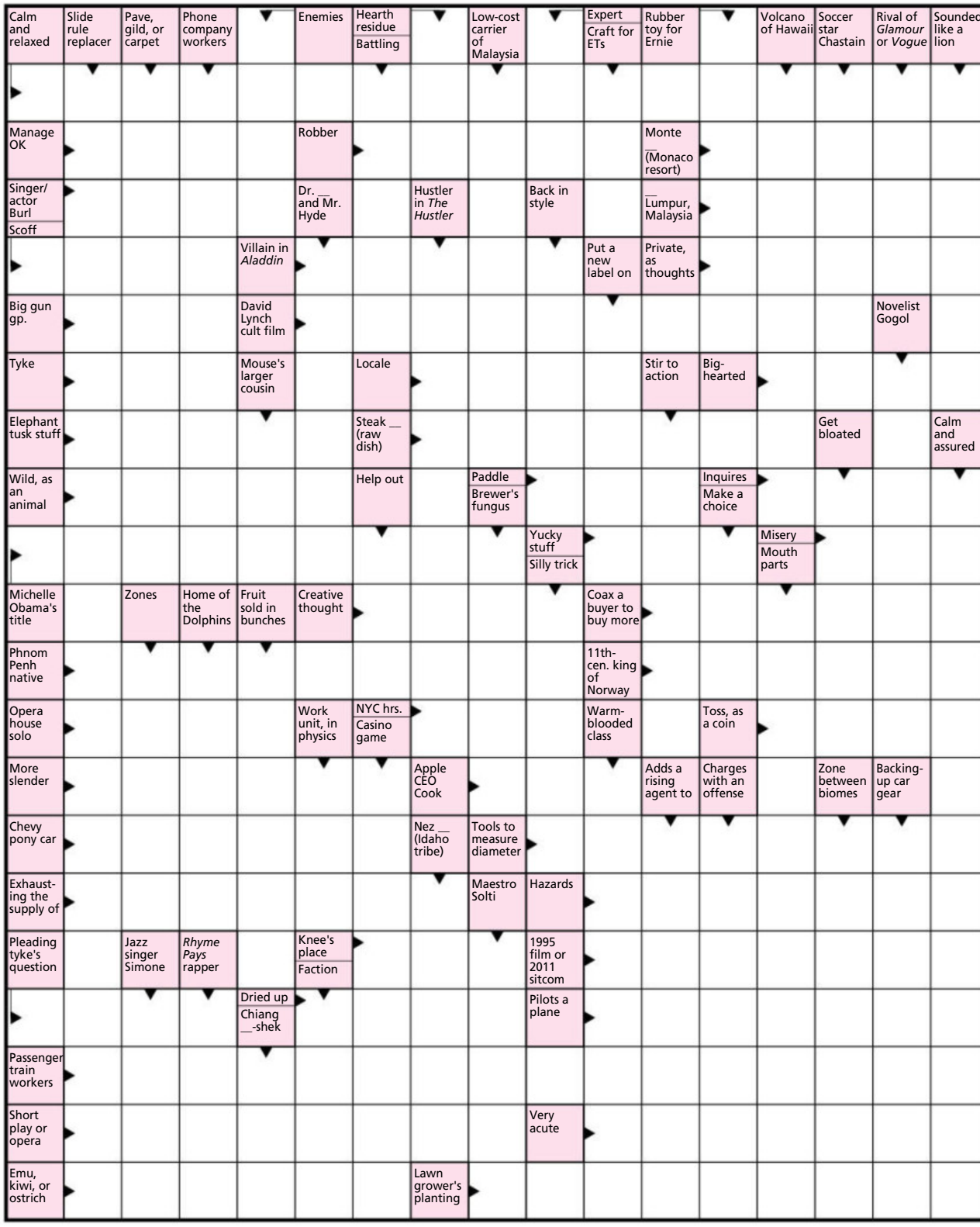
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16 0	**17** 8	**18** 5	**19** 3	**20** 0
21 3	**22** 0	**23** 0	**24** 0	**25** 1
26 1	**27** 5	**28** 7	**29** 7,8	**30** 7
31 0	**32** 9	**33** 0	**34** 6	**35** 0
36 3	**37** 2	**38** 7	**39** 0	**40** 10
41 6	**42** 0	**43** 7,8	**44** 0	**45** 0
46 0	**47** 5	**48** 3,8	**49** 0	**50** 4
51 6	**52** 5,7	**53** 4	**54** 0	**55** 3
56 3	**57** 0	**58** 0	**59** 8	**60** 0
61 4	**62** 7	**63** 5	**64** 2	**65** 4
66 6	**67** 3	**68** 8	**69** 0	**70** 5
71 0	**72** 1	**73** 6,7	**74** 7	**75** 0
76 7	**77** 0	**78** 4	**79** 4	**80** 2
81 6	**82** 8	**83** 2	**84** 0	**85** 1
86 1	**87** 6	**88** 3,5	**89** 3	**90** 2
91 0	**92** 6,8	**93** 1,9	**94** 9	**95** 9
96 9	**97** 2,5	**98** 1,4	**99** 0	**100** 4

PENCIL POINTERS 2

BY COREY KOSAK

In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

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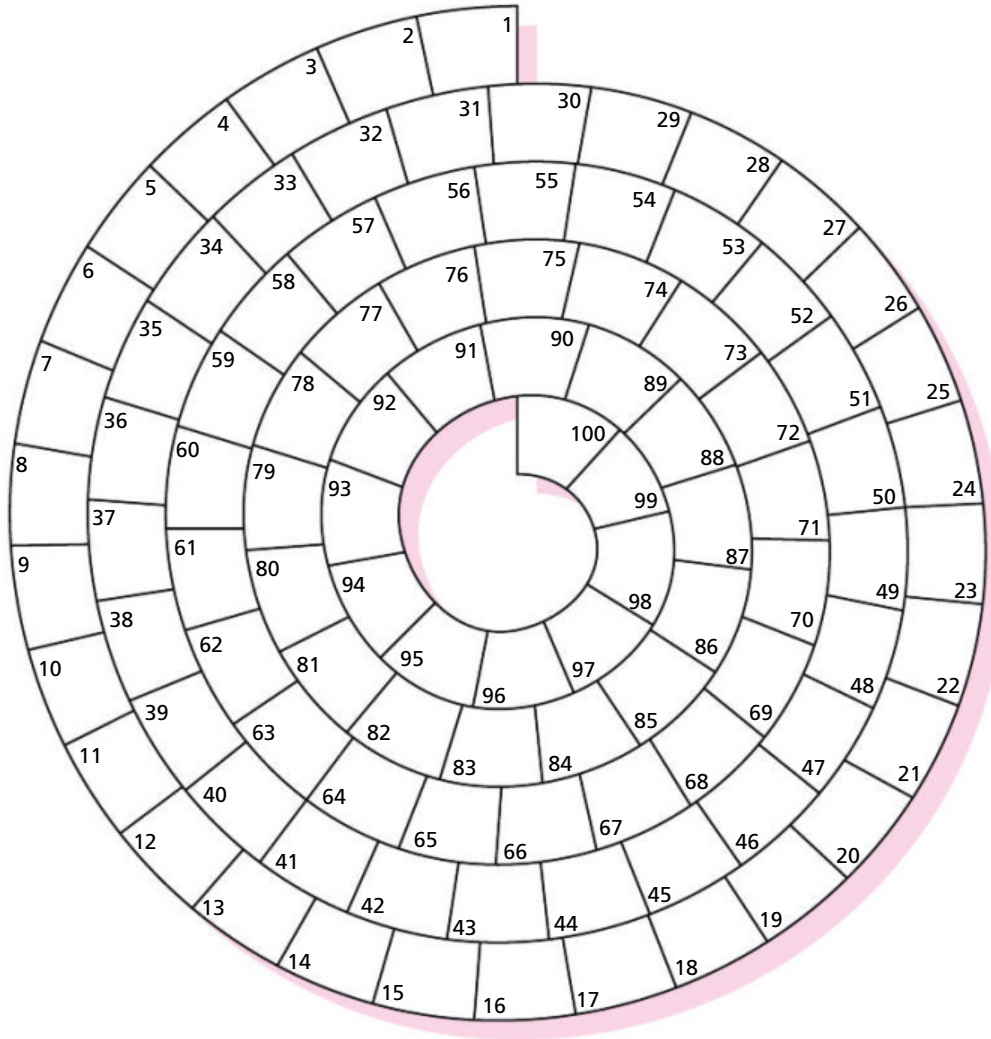


THE SPIRAL

BY STEPHEN SNIDERMAN

This puzzle turns in two directions. The Spiral's Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered clockwise from 100 to 1. Fill in the answers, one letter per space, according to the numbers beside the clues. Keep track of which way you're going, and have many happy returns.

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INWARD

1-6 Sign up
7-11 Correct
12-15 Column crossers
16-21 Ready to sleep
22-25 Swiss range
26-30 Poem about rustic life
31-35 Bouquet
36-39 Was the jockey
40-47 Appendages on bacteria
48-51 God, in Guatemala
52-55 Disagreeable person
56-62 Delta follower
63-69 Type of dressing
70-78 Organisms that look alike but have different ancestry
79-86 City dweller
87-91 Casey of *American Top 40* fame
92-100 Author of *The Amateur Marriage*: 2 wds.

OUTWARD

100-97 Depend (on)
96-94 Royal flush card
93-86 Lahiri novel, with *The*
85-82 Fey or Turner
81-77 Graze
76-72 TV or radio spot
71-67 Red Sea peninsula
66-61 Telemundo viewer, maybe
60-57 Daffy Duck has one
56-46 Like the Earth, geometrically
45-41 Conforming to the rules
40-35 Felt hat
34-28 Virtuously
27-20 Shows off
19-10 "Tintern Abbey" poet
9-6 Woman of tomorrow?
5-1 Greene or Michaels

Shelf Help

BY MARGERY ALBIS

A few weeks ago, Andrea and four of her friends decided to spiff up their closets by covering the shelves with decorative paper. No two people used the same design, and each person covered the closet shelves in a different room (one person covered the shelves in a utility-room closet). Determine each person's full name, paper design, and the room in which he or she covered shelves.

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CLUES

1. The five people are: Patrick, the person whose last name is Garner, the person who used the "Line Designs" paper, the person who covered bedroom shelves, and the person whose last name is Lynch.

2. The person whose last name is Kirby (who isn't Maude) and the person who used the "Autumn Leaves" design (which wasn't used on the bathroom closet shelves) both bought their paper at Cover Your World.

3. The person whose last name is Schweitzer and the person who used the "Line Designs" paper both recently moved into their homes.

4. The person whose last name is Carmichael (who isn't Rosanna) and the person who covered the shelves in the bedroom (which weren't covered with "Cuddly Critters" paper) both listened to a radio talk show while they worked.

5. Neither Lynch nor the person who used the "Cherry Blossoms" paper covered shelves in the den.

6. Neither Rosanna (who didn't use the "By the Sea" paper) nor Garner covered shelves in the bathroom.

7. Neither the person who covered the bedroom shelves nor Schweitzer used the "Cherry Blossoms" paper.

8. The person who covered the kitchen shelves (which weren't covered with "Autumn Leaves" paper) and Maude both enjoy working around the house.

9. Patrick didn't cover shelves in the den.

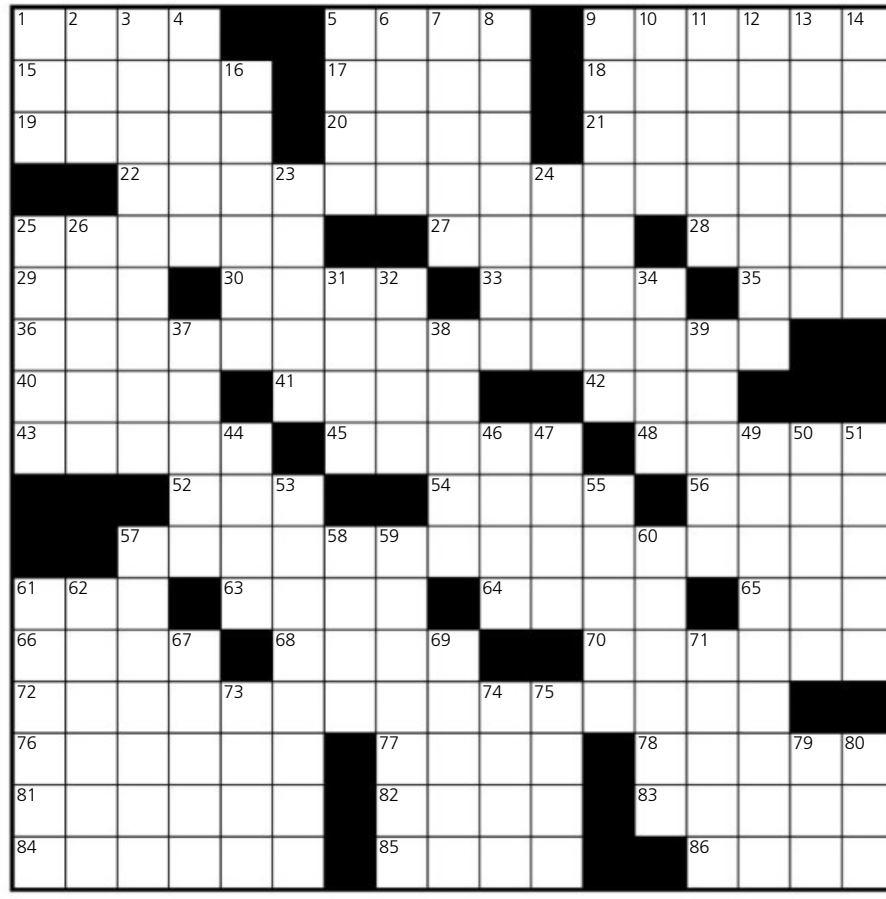
10. Doug didn't use the "Cherry Blossoms" paper.

	Carmichael	Garner	Kirby	Lynch	Schweitzer	"Autumn Leaves"	"By the Sea"	"Cherry Blossoms"	"Cuddly Critters"	"Line Designs"	Bathroom	Bedroom	Den	Kitchen	Utility room
Andrea															
Doug															
Maude															
Patrick															
Rosanna															
Bathroom															
Bedroom															
Den															
Kitchen															
Utility room															
"Autumn Leaves"															
"By the Sea"															
"Cherry Blossoms"															
"Cuddly Critters"															
"Line Designs"															



SHOWTIME

BY CATHY MARKER



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ACROSS

1 Reckless
5 Winter bugs
9 Come up with
15 Dog's bane
17 Jaunty rhythm
18 Wields, as influence
19 Vreeland of the publishing world
20 Not pro
21 Clumsy chap
22 Paul McCartney's "Yesterday," notably: 2 wds.
25 Spa offering
27 Mrs. Colin Powell
28 Gather leaves
29 ___ Khan
30 Not too hot
33 They may be split
35 Phys ed
36 Group of listeners—willing or not: 2 wds.
40 Fencing tool
41 Hearing aids
42 Spicy Indian stew
43 Easily annoyed
45 Ongoing quarrels
48 Sticky stuff
52 Farm butter
54 Decisive defeat
56 Knock about
57 Small job for a big name: 2 wds.
61 Extinct flightless bird
63 Like milled wood
64 Biblical scribe
65 Round Table title
66 Clearasil target
68 Angular
70 Curious thing
72 Reason for multiple curtain calls: 2 wds.
76 Sandwich, informally
77 Lion's sound
78 Permit
81 Invests with a quality
82 Part of a.m.
83 Take off
84 Lay off
85 City in the Salt River valley
86 Clean the deck

DOWN

1 Country address abbr.
2 Famed fighter
3 Many Winslow Homer paintings
4 Asian capital
5 Envelope part
6 Waiter's place
7 Beyond the norm
8 Held in check
9 Put down
10 Midterm, e.g.
11 Like speech sounds produced with the back of the tongue
12 Prehistoric period: 2 wds.
13 Thickset
14 Admiration
16 Deli dangler
23 Oily fruit
24 Prefix meaning "all"
25 Diamond side
26 Wide open
31 Table insert
32 Challenge
34 Crisp cookie
37 Aquarium favorite
38 Seize, as power
39 Wacky *Bewitched* aunt
44 Candied tubers
46 Info
47 Egyptian port
49 Certain relatives by marriage: Hyph.
50 Implied
51 Abrasive mineral
53 Most granular
55 Fortuneteller's deck
57 Baseless rumors
58 WWI poet Wilfred
59 "Eleven plus two" for "twelve plus one," e.g.
60 Tire type
61 Congregated
62 Gasoline rating
67 Jaded feeling
69 Nary a soul: 2 wds.
71 Metes (out)
73 Fizzles out
74 Brewing tanks
75 Environs
79 Eggs
80 Fly catcher

Mixed Triples

BY MIKE NOTHNAGEL

Each answer word in this crossword variation has three clues leading to it, using different meanings of the word. The clues are separated into Across and Down, but are otherwise ordered randomly.

When you find three Across or three Down clues that seem to have the same answer, add up their clue numbers to determine the place in the grid at which the answer should be entered. For example, if the clue for 1-Across were "Metallic element," the clue for 17-Across read "Starring role," and the clue for 20-Across were "News story intro," the answer would be "lead," which would go in 38-Across (1 + 17 + 20). Note: Tags such as "Hyph." and "2 wds." have been omitted.

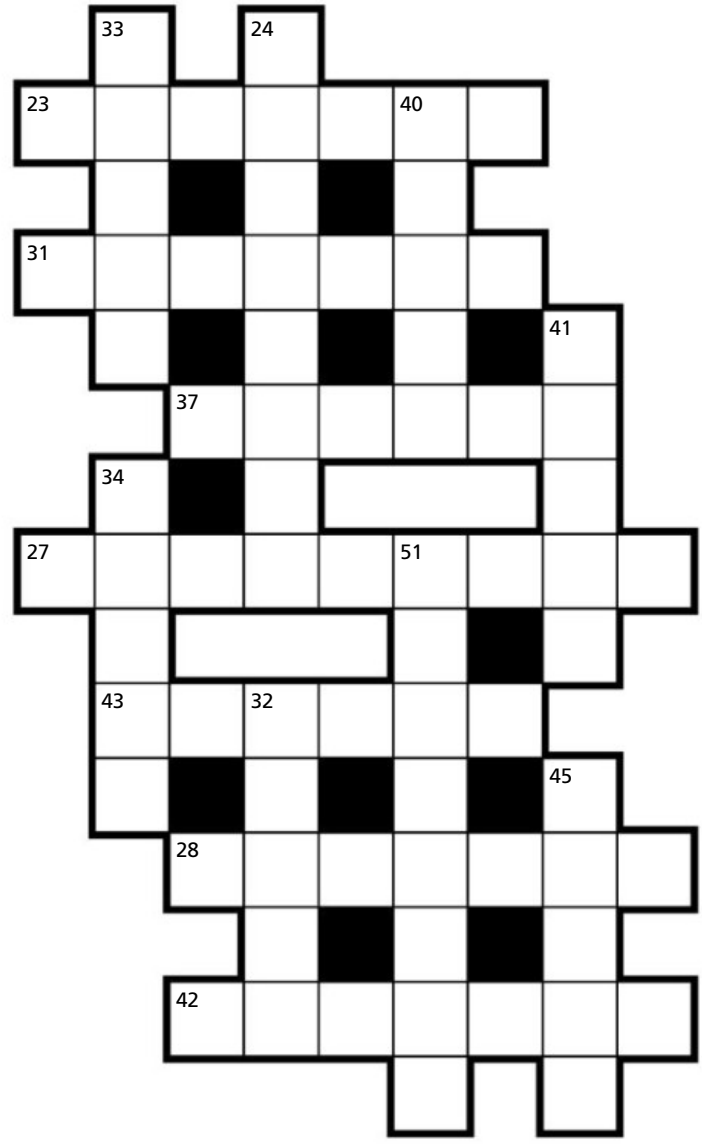
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ACROSS

1 Spaced to fill out a column, as text
2 Remained valid under scrutiny
3 "You can't be serious!"
4 Assortment
5 Specific type, as of a fruit
6 Philadelphia university whose sports teams are the Owls
7 Back side of a coin
8 Rose
9 Chose from a menu, say
10 Done with good reason
11 Transpose
12 In a particular sequence
13 The R in PRNDL
14 Magazine credited with popularizing the term "boffo"
15 Admonishment to a slowpoke
16 FX series starring Timothy Olyphant as a U.S. marshal
17 Place for Saturday worship
18 Failed to keep a date with
19 Pick-up line, perhaps
20 Author/activist Grandin
21 Gave cadets a directive

DOWN

1 39.37 inches, approximately
2 Falls spectacularly
3 Business executives, pejoratively
4 Small sample of food
5 Totally exhausts
6 Some measuring devices
7 Some measuring devices
8 Anaheim ballplayer
9 Rolls of cellophane
10 Spades and clubs, e.g.
11 Figure with a halo
12 Poem's rhythmic pattern
13 Subscribed to a feed on Twitter
14 Came after
15 Wears the crown
16 Sweet or sour, e.g.
17 Obliterates
18 Records on a cassette
19 Taxi ticker
20 Personal preference
21 They may be class-action
22 Well-behaved child
23 Game regulations
24 Obeyed, as regulations



BATTLESHIPS

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The six puzzles on this page are solitaire versions of the classic paper-and-pencil game of Battleships. Each grid represents a section of ocean in which a fleet is hiding. This fleet consists of one battleship (four grid cells in length), two cruisers (three cells each), three destroyers (two cells each), and four submarines (one cell each). The ships may be oriented either horizontally or vertically, and no two ships can occupy adjacent grid cells, not even diagonally. The digits along the grid's perimeter indicate the number of cells in the corresponding rows and columns that are occupied by vessels.

You'll notice that some "shots" have been taken to start you off. These may show water (indicated by wavy lines), a complete sub (a circle), the bow or stern of a ship (a rounded-off square), or a midsection of a battleship or cruiser (a square). The puzzles get harder as you go. Can you reach the rank of admiral by locating all six fleets? ANSWERS, PAGE 73

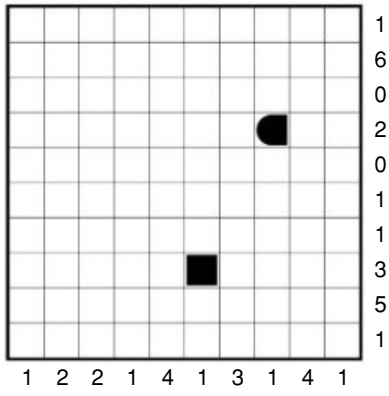

Water

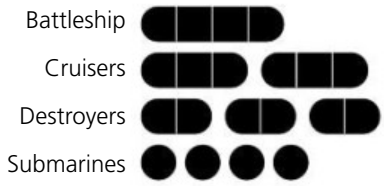

Submarine


End of ship (will continue in the direction of the flat side)

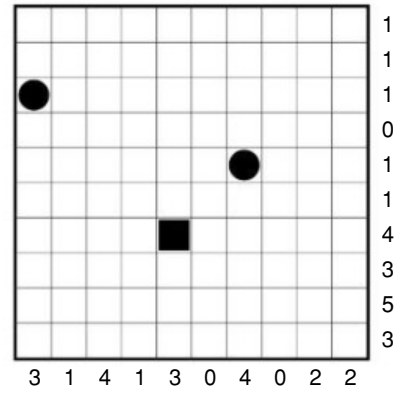

Middle of a ship (will continue either left and right or up and down)

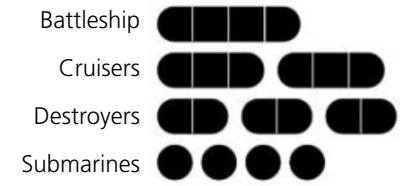
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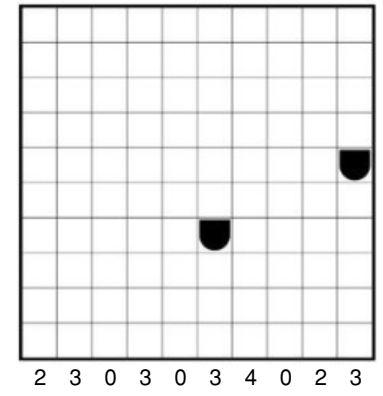


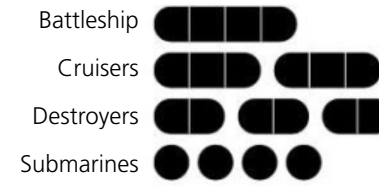
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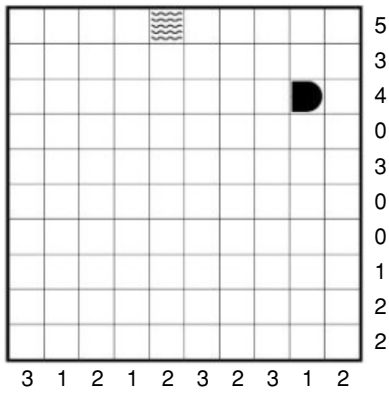


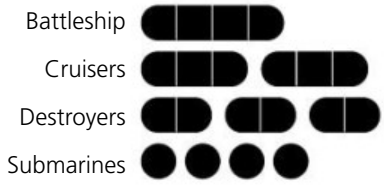
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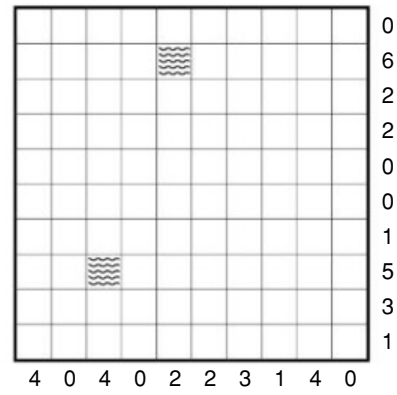


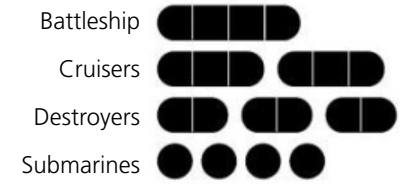
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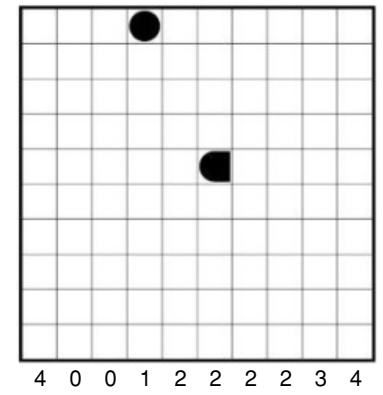


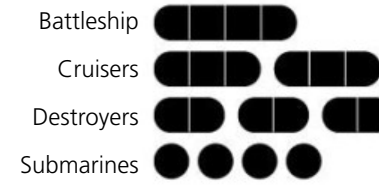
5–COMMODORE





6–ADMIRAL





Test Your Trivia I.Q.

BY R. WAYNE SCHMITTBERGER

This quiz features three types of questions: true-false, worth 1 point for each correct answer; multiple choice with three choices, worth 2 points per correct answer; and multiple choice with four choices, worth 3 points each. Incorrect answers for all three types of questions lose 1 point each. Skipping a question is allowed, and scores no points. Following the quiz is a ratings chart.

ANSWERS, PAGE 73

True-False (1 point each)

1. No character referred to by name in the title of any play by William Shakespeare is alive at the end of the play.

2. If it's Tuesday just before you cross the International Date Line heading from west to east, your day is about to become Monday.

3. A person with the name Leslie Lynch King Jr. was once president of the United States.

4. The zodiac sign Sagittarius is represented by the Goat.

5. In area, Russia is larger than Antarctica.

6. A regulation soccer ball outweighs a regulation basketball.

7. Two of the greatest artists of all time, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo Buonarroti, were both alive in the year 1500.

8. In 1911, British explorers became the first to reach the South Pole.

9. Although their name means "100-legged," most centipedes have fewer than 50 legs.

10. A string quartet employs four musicians, but only three kinds of instruments.

Multiple Choice (2 points each)

11. What is the British name for the pencil-and-paper game known in the U.S. as "tic-tac-toe"?
- **a.** niminy-piminy
- **b.** noughts and crosses
- **c.** three bobbies

12. Which two states became states on the same day?
- **a.** North and South Carolina
- **b.** North and South Dakota
- **c.** Virginia and West Virginia

13. When did the Liberty Bell get its name?
- **a.** when it was made, in 1701
- **b.** when it rang on July 4, 1776
- **c.** in the 19th century, when it became a symbol for the abolition of slavery

14. Which was not one of the parts of Quentin Tarantino's horror film double feature *Grindhouse*?
- **a.** *Death Proof*
- **b.** *Kill Bill*
- **c.** *Planet Terror*

15. In passing through the Panama Canal from the Atlantic (via the Caribbean Sea) to the Pacific, what is the approximate direction a ship travels?
- **a.** northwest
- **b.** southeast
- **c.** southwest

16. For what film did Julie Andrews win the Academy Award for Best Actress?
- **a.** *Mary Poppins*
- **b.** *The Sound of Music*
- **c.** *Victor/Victoria*

17. Bonnie Bennett is the name of a witch who is a major character in which vampire-themed television series?
- **a.** *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*
- **b.** *The Originals*
- **c.** *The Vampire Diaries*

18. Brother and sister Derek and Julianne Hough have won what combined total of *Dancing With the Stars* seasons?
- **a.** 4
- **b.** 6
- **c.** 8

19. One pound of butter is equivalent to how many cups of butter?
- **a.** 1
- **b.** 2
- **c.** 3

20. Which Harry Potter book was made into two films instead of one?
- **a.** *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*
- **b.** *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*
- **c.** *Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban*

Multiple Choice (3 points each)

21. Prior to the 2008 presidential election between Barack Obama and John McCain, what was the most recent year in which neither major party candidate was either an incumbent president or vice president?
a. 1972
b. 1952
c. 1932
d. 1912

22. In Lewis Carroll's nonsense poem "Jabberwocky," all but which of the following creatures are mentioned?
a. bandersnatch
b. jabberwock
c. jubjub bird
d. snark

23. By the end of 1900, approximately how many cars were on the road in the United States?
a. 138
b. 1,380
c. 13,800
d. 138,000

24. Who composed *The Sorcerer's Apprentice*, music made famous by the Disney film *Fantasia*?
a. Paul Dukas
b. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
c. Maurice Ravel
d. Camille Saint-Saens

25. What kind of nut is used to make marzipan?
a. almond
b. cashew
c. pecan
d. walnut

26. In which century were the most chemical elements discovered?
a. 17th
b. 18th
c. 19th
d. 20th

27. Which of these films did not win the Academy award for Best Picture?
a. *Argo*
b. *Hugo*
c. *Million Dollar Baby*
d. *Slumdog Millionaire*

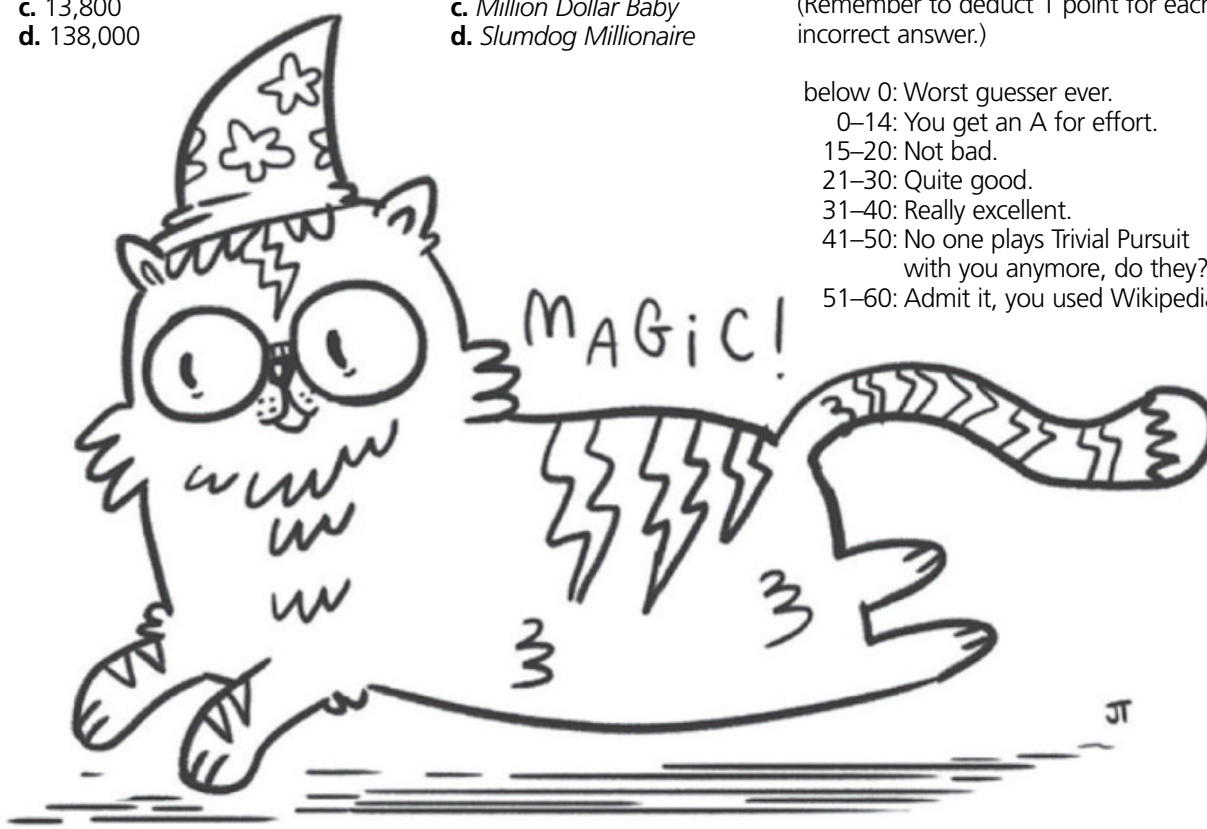
28. During this century (2001–2015), which MLB team won all three World Series that it played in?
a. Boston Red Sox
b. New York Yankees
c. St. Louis Cardinals
d. San Francisco Giants

29. On the sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, which of the four main male characters does not have a PhD in physics?
a. Howard
b. Leonard
c. Raj
d. Sheldon

30. According to computer analysis, what is the most often landed-on space in the game of Monopoly?
a. Boardwalk
b. Go
c. Illinois Avenue
d. Reading Railroad

Rate Your Trivia Game
(Remember to deduct 1 point for each incorrect answer.)

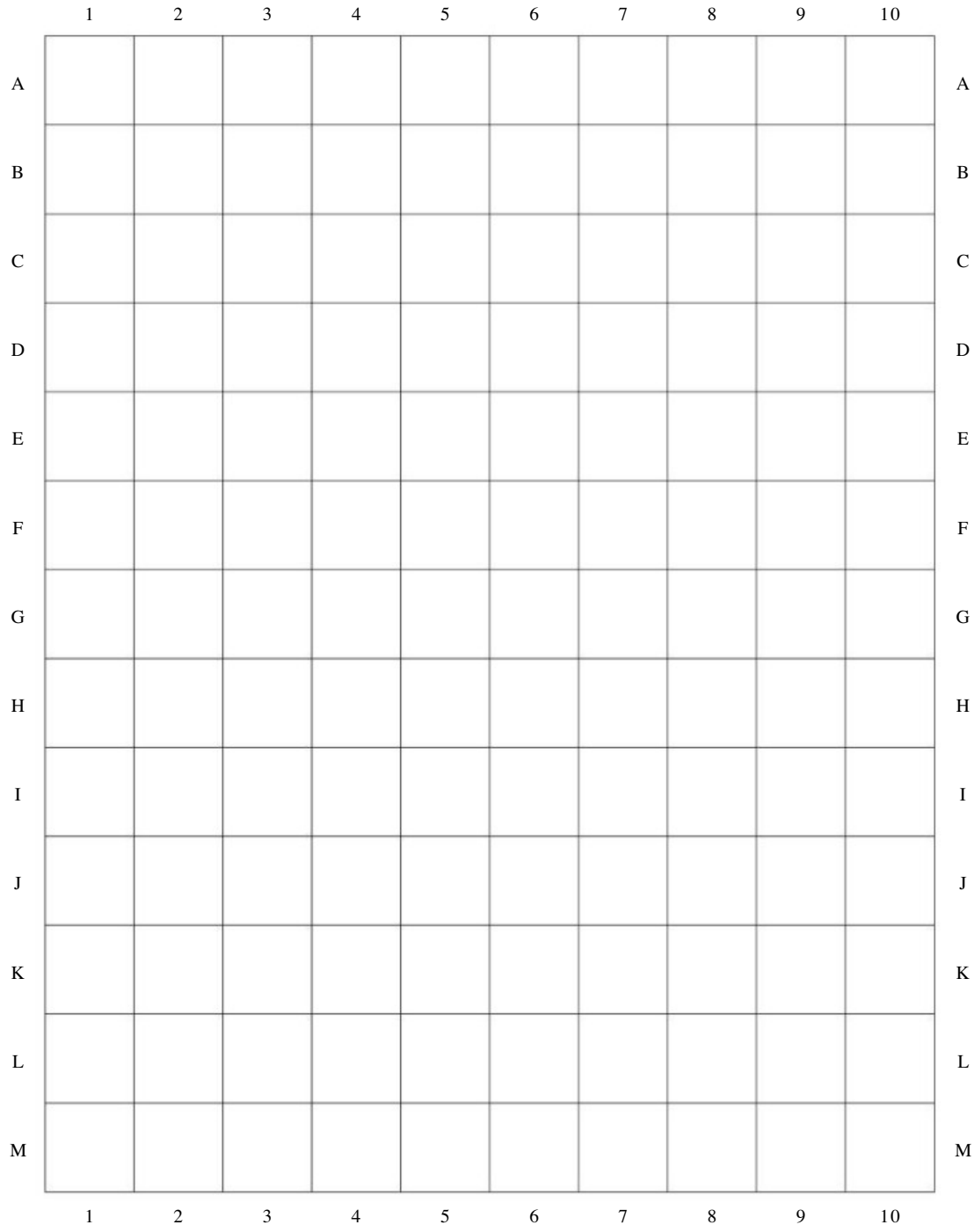
below 0: Worst guesser ever.
0–14: You get an A for effort.
15–20: Not bad.
21–30: Quite good.
31–40: Really excellent.
41–50: No one plays Trivial Pursuit with you anymore, do they?
51–60: Admit it, you used Wikipedia!

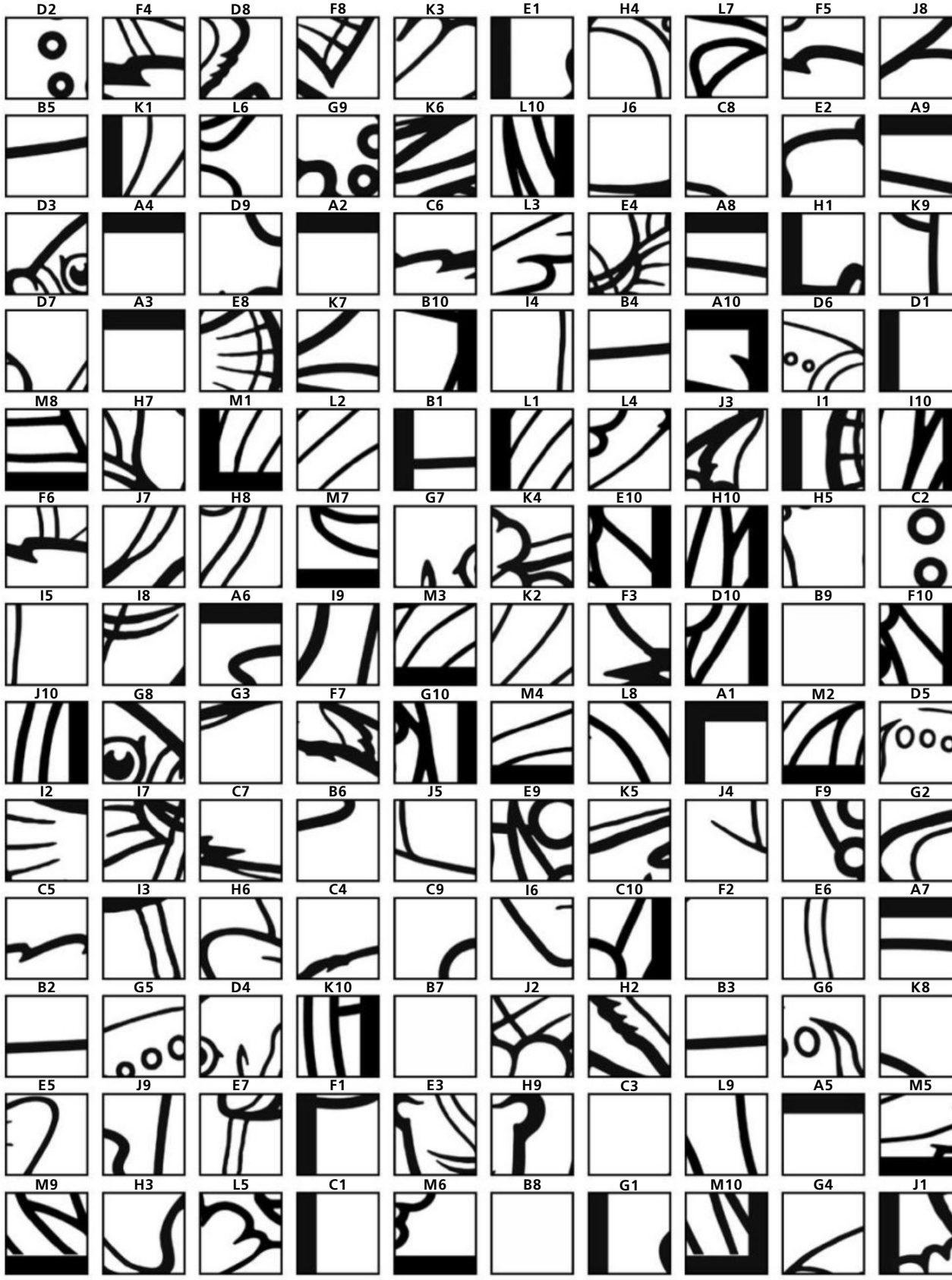


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Art On The Square

This is the easiest way we know of to create art without the benefit of formal training. All you have to do is copy each square in the proper place in the empty grid, following the coordinates. The square marked A3, for example, should be drawn in the box where Row A intersects with Column 3. The more carefully you work, the better the result will be—certainly as good as the finished product found on page 74.



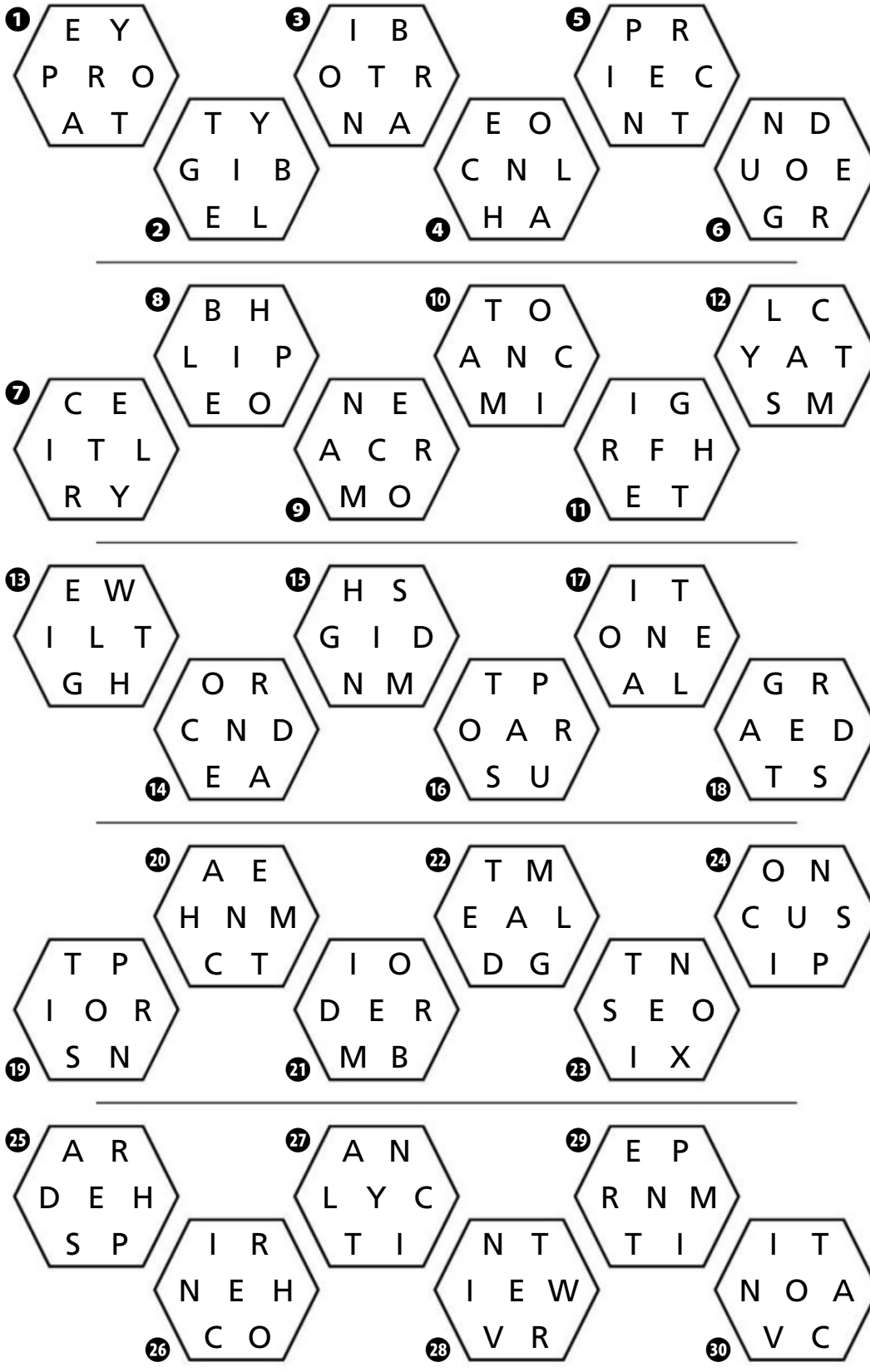

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B5 K1 L6 G9 K6 L10 J6 C8 E2 A9
D3 A4 D9 A2 C6 L3 E4 A8 H1 K9
D7 A3 E8 K7 B10 I4 B4 A10 D6 D1
M8 H7 M1 L2 B1 L1 L4 J3 I1 I10
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Word Hexes

BY ERICH FRIEDMAN

To solve these puzzles, start at some letter and spell out an 11-letter word by moving to adjacent letters. Each letter in the hexagon will be used at least once, but no letter will be used twice in a row.

ANSWERS, PAGE 74

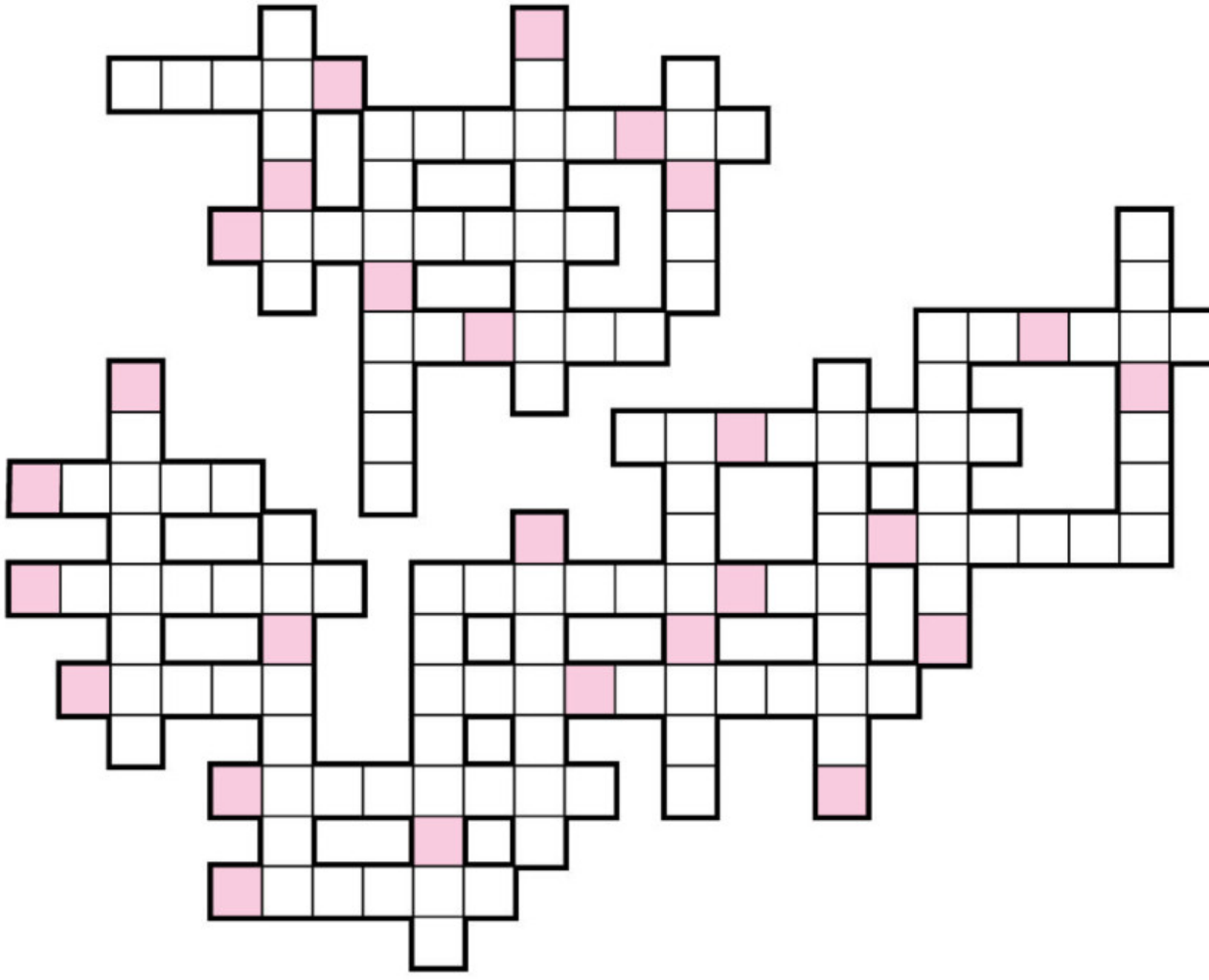


Alpha Bet

BY DON HENDERSON

In this puzzle, the "alpha" part is quite simple: Enter the clue answers into the crisscross-style grid, but hop over the pink boxes—that is, leave them empty. The clues are ordered by word length of the answers, then alphabetically within each group. When the white boxes are filled, put all the letters of the alphabet in the pink boxes so that 26 new words or phrases are created. Each of these letters is used only once; we've provided an alphabet so that you can cross them off as you place them. If you need help, check out the hint on page 77, which lists the answers to the clues.

ANSWER, PAGE 74



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

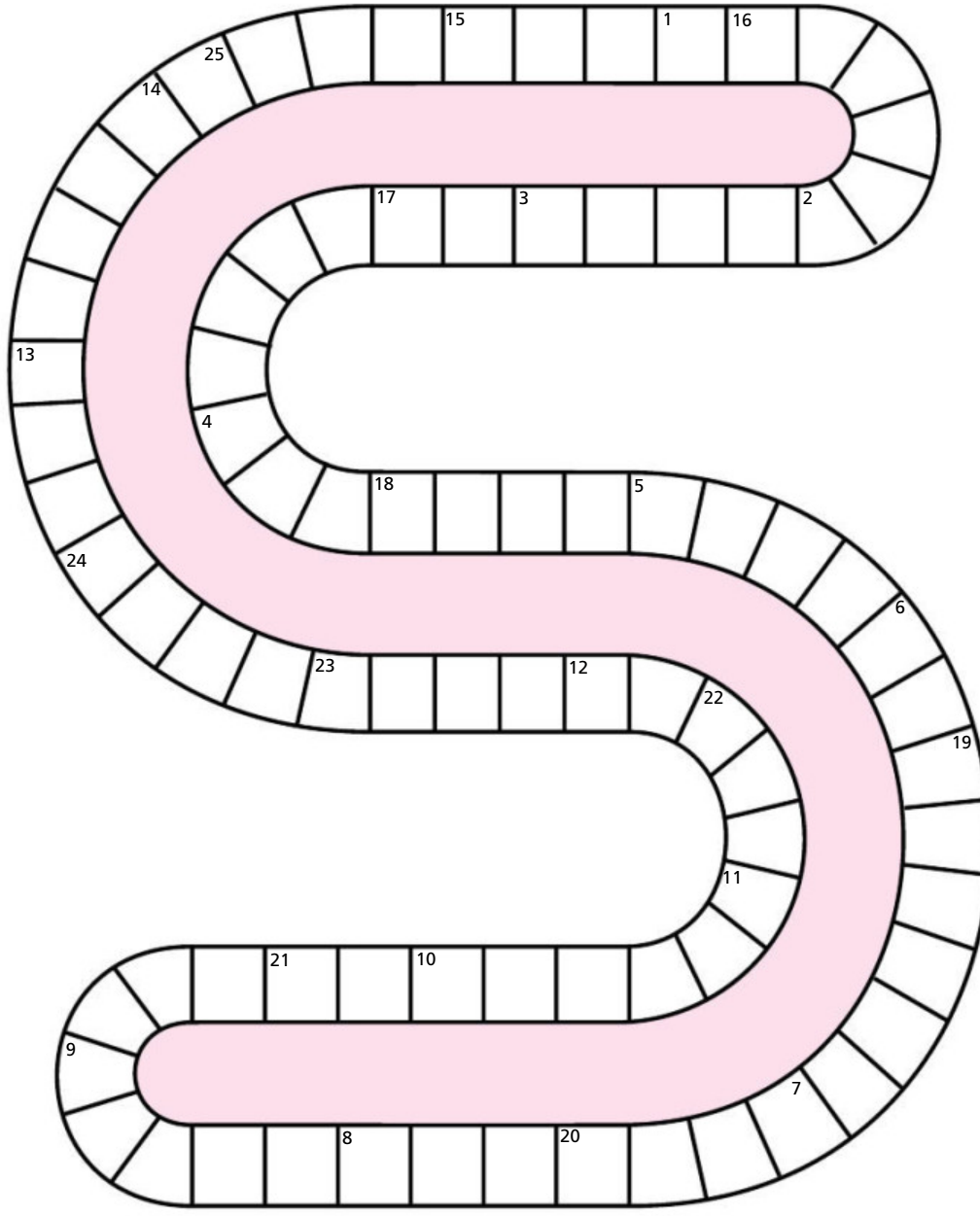
1 Injure
2 Remove from office
3 Disparaging remark
4 Helpful pointers
5 ___ célèbre
6 Supporter of fine art?
7 Like helium or krypton
8 Snoops
9 Part of ASAP: 2 wds.
10 Golden Gate, e.g.
11 Diplomat stationed abroad
12 Failed to notice
13 Moped around
14 Gave the okay
15 Showgirl of the 1920s
16 Love or hate
17 Anderson of *The X-Files*
18 Most viscous
19 Offensive backfield play: Hyph.
20 NASA operation
21 Excess supply
22 Cause of a mangled muffler, maybe
23 Escorted in courtly fashion
24 More bold and blaring
25 Dies down
26 In dress blues, perhaps

Snake Charmer

BY PATRICK BERRY

The charm of this puzzle is that each letter in the grid is used in exactly two words. To solve, enter the answer to each clue (one letter per space) beginning in the correspondingly numbered space and proceeding clockwise around the S, ending in the space before the next consecutive number. The chain of 25 answer words will snake its way around the grid twice.

ANSWER, PAGE 75



1 Company that trademarked Teflon
2 Leander's lover
3 Turnpike egress: Hyph.
4 Feline hygiene tools
5 Commandment lead-off
6 Tailor, in other words
7 Fairy-tale lass
8 Ballcock, for example
9 "Swiss Miss" of professional tennis
10 *Quo Vadis?* director Mervyn
11 Oldsmobile model introduced in 1999
12 Ingredient in Tone soap: 2 wds.
13 Poke fun at
14 The Bridget Rileys at the Tate Modern, for example: 2 wds.
15 Hardly Mr. Cool
16 Top-10 Drifters hit of 1963: 4 wds.
17 Peter, *Rolling Stone*'s 1976 Artist of the Year
18 Caretaker or gardener's digs,maybe
19 Capital of a European kingdom about twice the size of New Jersey
20 More than mere remorse: Hyph.
21 National park site within Lake Superior: 2 wds.
22 Charmingly ornate
23 Lie adjacent to
24 Flooring of embedded marble chips
25 Law firm bigwig

SEXTET

BY STEPHEN SNIDERMAN

Your challenge in each of the six puzzles below is to find six words or names that fit the clues given and consist of various combinations of six specific letters. Any letter listed at the top of a puzzle may be used any number of times or not at all in forming an answer word in that puzzle. For example, the letters E, I, N, S, T, and X could spell EISENSTEIN, EXISTENCE, INSISTENT, NINETEEN, SEXTET, and TEENIEST, among many other words and names. In each case, you will be shown where all the instances of one letter appear. Thus, for SEXTET, you might be shown where each of the two E's appear (__ E __ __ E __) or where the X goes (__ __ X __ __ __) . In addition, the shaded spaces indicate where all occurrences of a second letter are placed. When the shaded letters are read from top to bottom (one per word), they will spell another word made of some or all of the same six letters.

ANSWERS, PAGE 74

A C E H O T

1. Pain in the mouth — _ O O _ _ _ _ _ _

2. Kind of case — _ T T _ _ _ _

3. Chopping tool — H _ _ _ H _ _

4. Big cat — _ _ E E _ _ _

5. Protective overlay — A _ _ _ A _ _

6. Harpsichord piece — _ _ C C _ _ _

E F L O P R

1. Infallible — _ _ _ _ _ R _ _ _

2. Feature of some ships — _ _ _ _ _ L L _ _

3. Put forward — _ _ _ F F _ _

4. Act of scolding — _ _ _ _ O O _

5. Will who impersonated Bush — _ E _ _ E _ _

6. Favor — P _ _ _ _ _

C E L M T U

1. Kelly the clown — _ M M _ _ _

2. Joe Dirt's hairstyle — _ _ _ _ _ T

3. Gulliver's first name — _ E _ _ E _

4. Salad base — _ _ _ _ _ C _

5. Oft-breaded food item — _ U _ _ _ _

6. Fortitude — _ _ _ _ L _

A E L O R T

1. Non-drinker — _ E E _ _ _ _ _ E _

2. Endure — _ _ _ _ R _ _ _

3. Stool pigeon — _ A _ _ _ _ _ A _ _

4. Certain football pass — _ _ T _ _ _ _

5. Coldwell Banker employee — _ _ _ L _ _ _

6. Actress Young — _ O _ _ _ _ _

G H O R T U

1. During the entire time — _ H _ _ _ _ H _ _ _

2. Had more ideas than — _ U _ _ _ _ U _ _ _

3. Exhaustive — _ _ _ R _ _ _ _

4. Nevertheless — _ _ O _ _ _

5. Region of low pressure — T _ _ _ _ _

6. Small cavern — G _ _ _ _ _

E F N O R T

1. More frequently — _ F _ _ _ _ _

2. Vanguard — _ _ R _ _ R _ _ _

3. Chewy candy — _ O _ _ _ _

4. Deluge — _ _ _ _ E _ _

5. East Coast capital — T _ _ _ T _ _

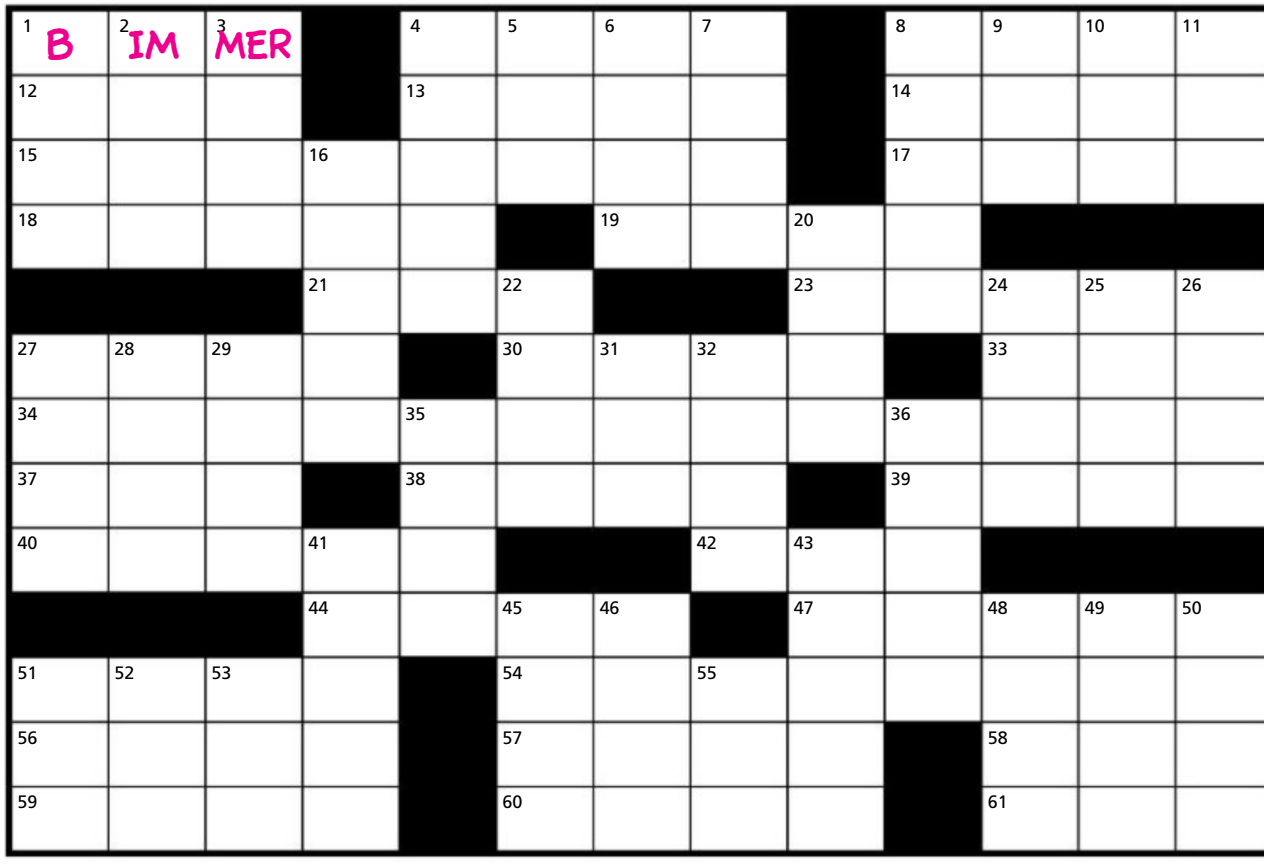
6. Main course — _ N _ _ _ _

One, Two, Three

BY FRANK LONGO

Solve this puzzle as you would a regular crossword, except that each space may hold one, two, or three letters. The number of letters in a space is for you to determine, using logic and the crossing of words. The answer to 1-Across, B-IM-MER, has been filled in as an example.

ANSWER, PAGE 75



ACROSS

1 Upscale car, to aficionados
4 Sends by telegraph
8 Hazard in an old building: 2 wds.
12 Impending, as a deadline
13 Fix deeply and firmly
14 Port city near Houston
15 American Kennel Club breed with a European name: 3 wds.
17 Acted in opposition to
18 Port city near Naples
19 New ___ (port city near Baton Rouge)
21 Concerning the meaning of words
23 Many bee contestants
27 Having a wide haunch
30 Whole-grain cereal company
33 Forget to include
34 American Kennel Club breed with a European name: 3 wds.
37 Radiator, e.g.
38 Light bulb holder
39 Really gross quality
40 Country south of Malaysia
42 Clickable screen symbol
44 *Wayne's World* actress: 2 wds.
47 Most mannerly
51 Have second thoughts about
54 American Kennel Club breed with a European name: 3 wds.
56 Dense growth on boggy ground: 2 wds.
57 Illustrate via gestures: 2 wds.
58 Pioneering PC networking company
59 Rich Italian ice cream
60 Conception-to-birth span
61 Hang around

DOWN

1 Weakly hit fly balls
2 Undying
3 Frothy pastry topping
4 Prudent lady: 2 wds.
5 Unappreciative type
6 Back entrance: 2 wds.
7 Dollar bill
8 Attorneys conducting a case: 2 wds.
9 Arrival
10 Collagist applying sticky stuff, say
11 Performed Gregorian chant
16 Some dairy cows
20 Aimed ambitiously
22 Clock sound: Hyph.
24 Peer through a keyhole, e.g.: 2 wds.
25 Members of the weasel family
26 Temporary guardians
27 Some weather map temperatures
28 Passing into every part of
29 Alternative to Subway
31 Racket-raising Arthur
32 Dominican Republic neighbor
35 Quaint animal-powered tram
36 One lunching on a lawn
41 She played Nelle Porter on *Ally McBeal*: 3 wds.
43 Mixture of diverse ingredients
45 Employ or occupy again
46 Widows, old-style
48 Language spoken by *señores*
49 Whining tearfully
50 Part of ATM
51 Do over again
52 Twist out of shape
53 Cowell of *The X Factor*
55 Berate loudly: 2 wds.

What's Happening:
GAMING HOOPLA

When: April 1–3, 2016
Where: Holiday Inn Gurnee Convention Center; Gurnee, IL
Details: For those who like to game for a good cause, Gaming Hoopla benefits the Vince Lombardi Cancer Foundation, which promotes cancer research and care in clinics throughout eastern Wisconsin. Come to play, trade, or learn a new game.
For more info: www.gaminghoopla.com

What's Happening:
WHO'S YER CON 2016
When: April 1–3, 2016
Where: Wyndham Indianapolis West Hotel; Indianapolis, IN
Details: This gaming con is run by Who's Yer Gamers, a group dedicated to promoting hobby gaming by providing free or low-cost events. This particular con is the former: free! Come play board games, card games, and role-playing games.
For more info: www.whosyergamers.org

What's Happening:
LEXICON 2016

When: April 22–24, 2016
Where: Clarion Convention Center; Lexington, KY
Details: This tabletop gaming convention will feature National Qualifying Tournaments in Carcassonne, Settlers of Catan, King of New York, and Pandemic Survival. Role-playing games, miniatures, and even live-action role-playing will also be played. Whovians note: There will be a Doctor Who LARP open to all ages.
For more info:
www.lexicongaming.com/2016

What's Happening:
MAG CON 8
When: April 2–3, 2016
Where: NCISD Annex; New Caney, TX
Details: Some perks of this con include free parking, door prizes, auction, flea market, and a huge game library. Numerous events will be held for board games, card games, RPGs, LARPs, and miniatures.
For more info: www.magcon.org

What's Happening:
DASH 8

When: April 30, 2016
Where: Various cities
Details: Multiple cities collaborate to create a puzzle adventure called DASH (Different Area, Same Hunt). Teams of players race to find and solve creative puzzles hidden in different locations. The clues could require code-breaking or solving word, number, or visual puzzles.
For more info: playdash.org

What's Happening:
CONCLAVE OF GAMERS
When: April 21–24, 2016
Where: DIA Crowne Plaza; Denver, CO
Details: This tabletop gaming convention has no seat fees and encourages anyone to join in a game where there's a spot. The idea is to keep things flexible so that participants can get in as much gaming as they can throughout the weekend. Games include AquaSphere, Scoville, City Hall, and Captains of Industry.
For more info:
www.conclaveofgamers.org

What's Happening:
KINGDOM-CON
When: April 28–May 1, 2016
Where: Crowne Plaza Mission Valley; San Diego, CA
Details: Celebrate International TableTop Day on April 30 at Kingdom-Con with tons of games, tournaments, and events! This con also features a game lounge and open library.
For more info: www.kingdom-con.com

What's Happening:
STAVE PUZZLE CHALLENGE WEEKEND
When: April 28–May 2, 2016
Where: Triple Creek Ranch; Darby, MT
Details: Fans of Stave's jigsaw puzzles will have an opportunity to get together for a weekend at a luxury ranch resort in the Bitterroot Mountain Range of the Montana Rockies. Activities include puzzles, contests, and prizes.
For more info: www.triplecreekranch.com/event/stave-puzzle-challenge-weekend

What's Happening:
ALBANY TOY SHOW 2016
When: April 3, 2016
Where: Radisson Hotel; Albany, NY
Details: The Albany Toy Show features toys, comic books, and collectibles including Star Wars, GI Joe, Transformers, Barbie, and much more. Along with an impressive lineup of vendors, the show also hosts professional sculptors and artists that work on toys and comic books. This affordable ($5 general admission) show is for anyone of any age who loves toys or memorabilia.
For more info:
toyshow.albanycomicbookshow.com

What's Happening:
HAVENCON
When: April 22–24, 2016
Where: Holiday Inn Midtown; Austin, TX
Details: HavenCon, which bills itself as "the First LGBT geek and gaming convention of Texas," offers a safe place for people from all over to come and enjoy their favorite fandom. There will be panels, presentations, and guests of honor, as well as special offerings like the Indie Arcade and TableTop Retreat. The majority of convention activities are for all ages, but the "After Hours" segments are for adults only.
For more info: www.havencontx.com

What's Happening:
BOBBY STUART ATLANTA CLASSIC CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT
When: April 15–17, 2016
Where: La Quinta Inn & Suites; Atlanta, GA
Details: This tournament kicks off with a Friday night warmup and continues with competitive cribbage play throughout the weekend. The Main Event will be held on Saturday and followed by playoffs, while the Consolation Tournament will take place on Sunday.
For more info: www.cribbage.org/sched/2016_04_15_Bobby.pdf

THE "ART" OF ASKING QUESTIONS

By Raymond Simon

If you haven't tuned in to National Public Radio lately, you're missing an enjoyable new show called *Ask Me Another*, an amusing blend of trivia, word games and musical tomfoolery.

Comedian Ophira Eisenberg hosts *Ask Me Another*, aided by all-around musician Jonathan Coulton. The program debuted in 2012 and can now be heard on more than 250 NPR stations nationwide, as well as on podcast. Home base is The Bell House in Brooklyn, but the cast and crew occasionally take the show on the road.

A typical episode of *Ask Me Another* includes a handful of games where contestants get to display their knowledge—or lack of it. On a recent broadcast, contestants played a game called Fictional Full Names. They were given the "real" names of famous fictional characters and asked to identify their nicknames. Do you know, for example, who Norville Rogers is? Don't worry; it took the contestant more than a few seconds to recognize that this character is commonly known as "Shaggy" in the Scooby-Doo franchise. "It's a lot easier when I'm in my car and not looking at people, and I'm like 'I know all these answers!'" the momentarily muddled contestant admitted.



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ART CHUNG, A.K.A. THE "PUZZLE GURU"

Each show also features a V.I.P., also known as a "Very Important Puzzler." These celebrity guests help to lead contestants in a game or actually participate in one themselves. *Ask Me Another* has had all sorts of folks on, including comedian Jim Gaffigan and Uzo Aduba, who plays "Crazy Eyes" on *Orange Is the New Black*. Sir Patrick Stewart, of *Star Trek* fame, even got in on the fun.

As those cultural reference points suggest, *Ask Me Another* appeals to a younger generation than the one that made *Car Talk* and *A Prairie Home Companion* perennial NPR favorites. On a recent broadcast, Eisenberg jokingly described *Ask Me Another*'s typical audience as "nerdy Millennials."

Entertaining people weaned on indie rock and the Internet is no small challenge. Fortunately, *Ask Me Another* draws on the considerable expertise of Art Chung, a veteran game show writer whose resume includes stints writing puzzles for *Cash Cab* and VH1's *World Series of Pop Culture*. He also had a decade-long tenure at a little show called *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*.

Ask Me Another might not have the enormous production budget of *Millionaire*, but it's no less fun. According to Chung, "Our general pitch is that we are the world's best version of your pub trivia night or your game night. We're here to have fun and to learn a few things and to sort of use our brain in interesting ways."

A key ingredient of the show's popularity is the way it playfully mixes pop culture and more substantive subjects. "We're very highbrow and lowbrow at the same time, and I think that's one of the great things about the show," Chung says. "We can talk about Gilbert and Sullivan or science or literature in one instant and then talk video games and Internet memes in the other."

Chung gets to join in on the fun, too. He frequently appears on-air as the "Puzzle Guru." In that guise, he quizzes contestants and keeps track of who's winning. The opportunity to share the spotlight with Eisenberg and Coulton, even momentarily, is a blast, but the bulk of Chung's work is done behind the scenes.

As the show's Senior Supervising Producer, Chung edits trivia questions, reviews the games proposed for each episode, and ensures that bits written for the show's celebrity guests are a good fit.

Chung refers to this as "stacking the show," and the whole process takes about a week. That's amazing when you consider that Eisenberg and Coulton need time to review the scripts and rehearse. Of course, there are always last-minute changes, and Chung handles all of that writing himself.

Although Chung is a puzzle maven who can brainstorm trivia questions like nobody's business, he doesn't go it alone. In fact, he has a stable of regular contributors that includes formidable puzzlers like Trip Payne, a three-time winner of the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, and John Chaneski, a former contributor to GAMES and, like Chung, an erstwhile writer for *Millionaire*.

These writers not only come up with trivia questions and games suitable for use on just about any show, what Chung calls "evergreens," they also tailor puzzles for specific occasions, depending on the celebrity guest and the location of the broadcast.

Chung's overall goal is to keep things fresh and relevant. He doesn't want contestants and listeners to feel as if they're taking a test, and he has to make sure that the subjects of trivia quizzes aren't so obscure that no one will recognize them.

"We try not to have just straightforward 'This is a history quiz' or 'This is a quiz about presidents,'" Chung said. "We like to have a comedic take on it or funny things that contestants can do to it."

Chung's apprenticeship in the game show business began in the early days of *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*. After graduating from New York University School of Law, he practiced law briefly but quickly bowed out in order to return

to his true love: writing. When an ad seeking writers for a game show set in New York City popped up, he applied and was taken on.

At that point, Chung remarks, there hadn't been a prime-time game show in roughly 30 years, let alone one being produced in Manhattan, circumstances that worked to his advantage. He signed a five-week contract to begin with and ended up staying with *Millionaire* almost 10 years.

While taping early episodes, it became clear to ABC that the show was good, but no one had any idea it would become a cultural phenomenon. "None of us expected that they would bring it back three times a week every week for a year and a half. I think some weeks we were on four nights a week and it just became this juggernaut," Chung says.

Landing on a number-one television show was an incredible experience. Of course, it required lots of work. Chung and his fellow writers, many of them also former lawyers, were writing trivia questions all the time.

The daily practice of proposing topics, considering whether those topics are actually trivia-worthy, and double-checking that questions and subjects aren't repeated, gave Chung thorough preparation for his current gig on NPR.

Eisenberg certainly regards Chung as an invaluable resource. When asked if she's ever been able to stump him on any topic, she replies without hesitation: "That's like asking have you ever been able to out-meditate Buddha? Out-act Meryl Streep? Outrun Usain Bolt? No, you can't stump a puzzle guru. That's why he gets paid the big public radio bucks!"

To learn more about *Ask Me Another*, and to see if you can answer Art's tricky questions, visit www.npr.org/askmeanother. ■



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TOP: HOST OPHIRA EISENBERG LIES DOWN ON THE JOB.

CENTER: V.I.P.S SUTTON FOSTER & B.J. NOVAK.

BOTTOM: SIR PATRICK STEWART "MAKES IT SO" DURING A GAME.

EVERYBODY LOVES BERTHA MAY

A Logic Puzzle by Joe Dean

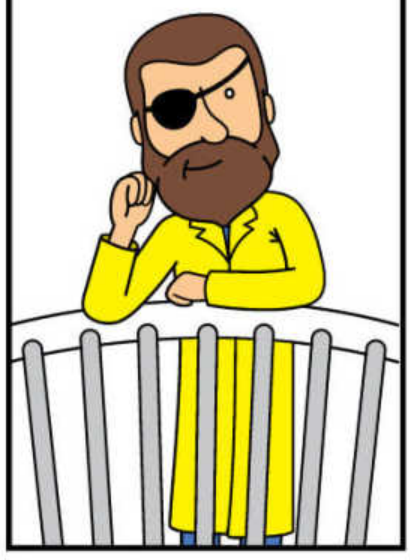
With Crab Cove on the horizon, the four fishermen smiled and slapped one another heartily on the back. It had been a long 12 days at sea and each one looked forward to a quiet night's sleep and a kiss from his sweetheart. The catch had been modest, but they didn't mind. The four were the closest of friends...that is, until one of them pulled out a small picture from his wallet.







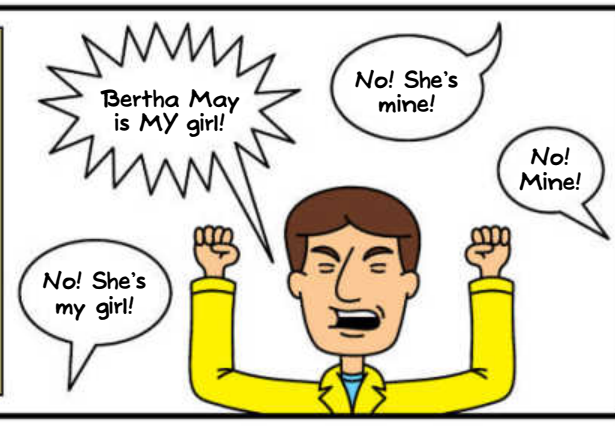
Merle overheard the conversation, but didn't say anything. His girl's face was etched into his mind so vividly he didn't need a photo. He just stood on the bow of the ship looking into the clouds, longing to see her again.

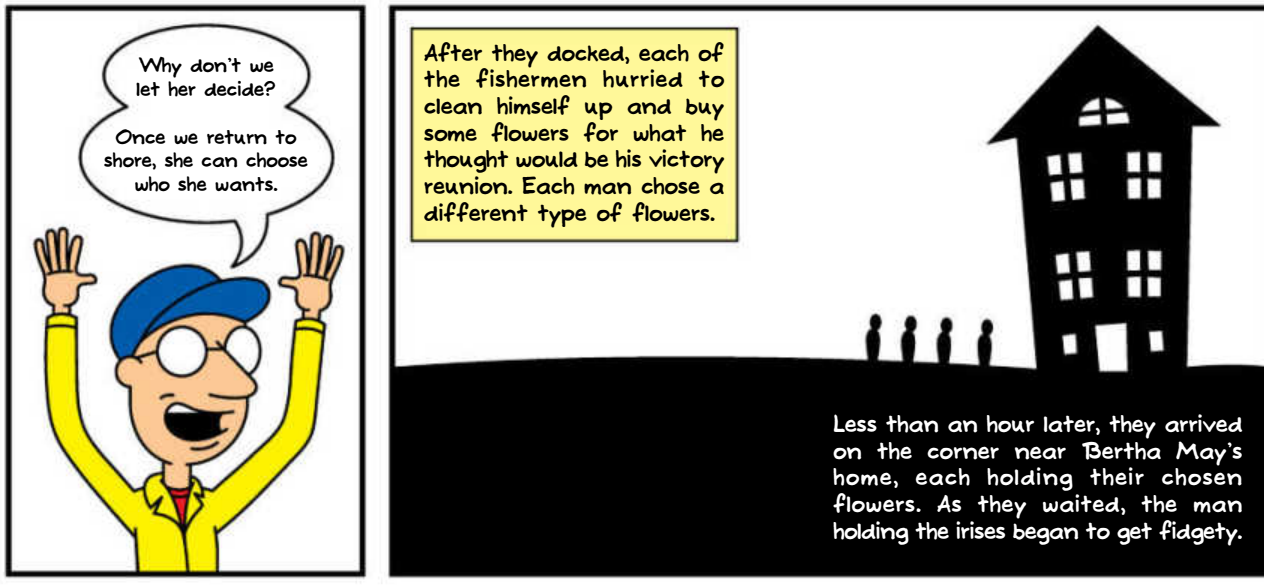




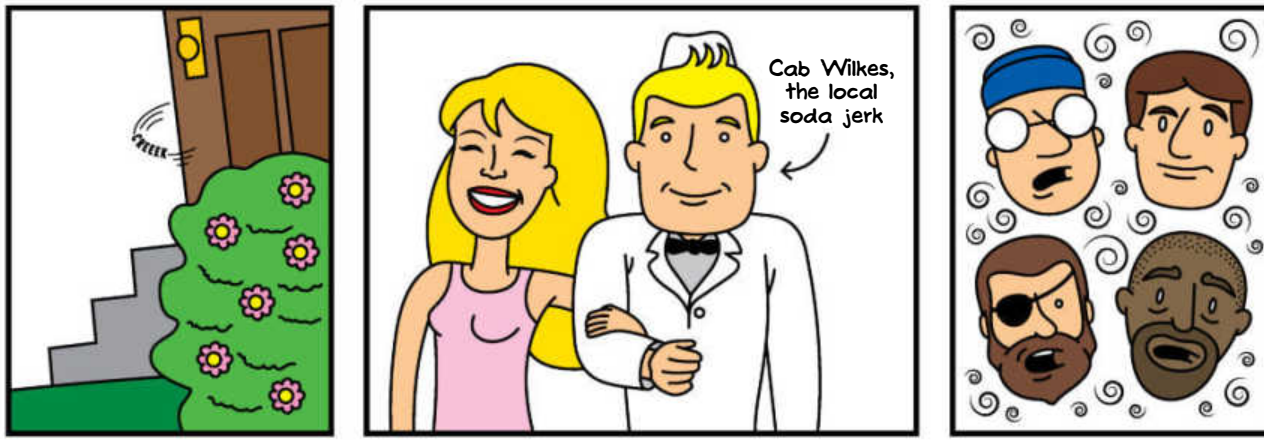


The only sounds were the lapping waves and the call of a seagull overhead. Each man stared at the others for a few moments, not entirely sure what to do next.











Assuming that one of the men held 9 flowers and another held 15, can you determine what kind and how many flowers each planned to give Bertha May?

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FIRST THINGS FIRST...

You and a friend have just sat down for a game of Scrabble, and you're going first. What should you aim to do?

You know you need to make a play that touches the star in the center of the board. While considering what word to play, you should, in order:

1. Check to see if a bingo (a play that uses all seven tiles) is possible. In expert tournament play, it happens over 10 percent of the time.

2. If a bingo is not playable, try to form a 5- or 6-letter word that places your highest point-value tile on the double letter premium square. A word like WAGER, with W on the double letter and R on the star, goes for 26 points—a fine start.

3. Regardless of what word you play, it's better to not place vowels next to the double letter scores (if possible), unless you score extra points by doing so. For example, if WAGER was your opening play, reading across, then for example a word like HAW could go on top of WAGER (also forming HA, AG, and WE), scoring 30 points.

4. Keep in mind that the letters you don't play this turn will be with you next turn, so try to carry forward some balance. ERT is likely to be a better core for your next rack than AIU.

5. If your opening rack is terrible, don't be afraid to trade away the ugly tiles. Of course, this scores zero points, but playing IT for 4 points to keep AIIOU is likely going to haunt you for several turns.

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SOME FIRST-TURN PUZZLERS

Imagine it's your first turn of a game; the board is empty in each case, and these are your tiles. What play would you make?

1. ABCDHMP
2. INORTUY
3. ADEEIOU
4. AEIIMRT
5. ILMOOPU

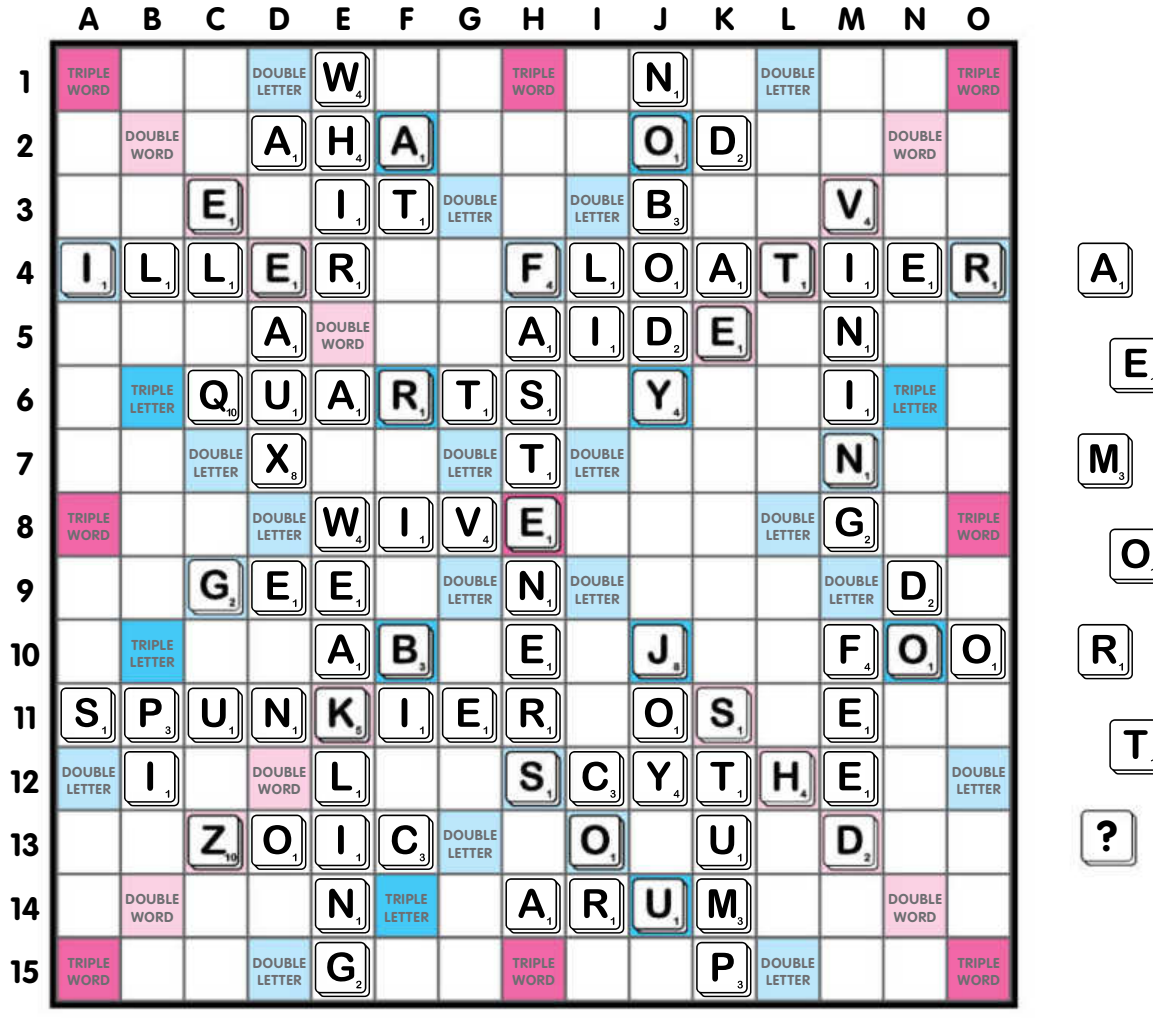
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	TRIPLE WORD			DOUBLE LETTER				TRIPLE WORD				DOUBLE LETTER			TRIPLE WORD
2		DOUBLE WORD				TRIPLE LETTER				TRIPLE LETTER				DOUBLE WORD	
3			DOUBLE WORD				DOUBLE LETTER		DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE WORD		
4	DOUBLE LETTER			DOUBLE WORD				DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE WORD			DOUBLE LETTER
5					DOUBLE WORD						DOUBLE WORD				
6		TRIPLE LETTER				TRIPLE LETTER				TRIPLE LETTER				TRIPLE LETTER	
7			DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE LETTER		DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE LETTER		
8	TRIPLE WORD			DOUBLE LETTER				TRIPLE WORD				DOUBLE LETTER			TRIPLE WORD
9			DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE LETTER		DOUBLE LETTER				DOUBLE LETTER		
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14		DOUBLE WORD				TRIPLE LETTER				TRIPLE LETTER				DOUBLE WORD	
15	TRIPLE WORD			DOUBLE LETTER				TRIPLE WORD				DOUBLE LETTER			TRIPLE WORD

BY SCOTT APPEL

MOSTLY DEAD/SLIGHTLY ALIVE

In a tournament game, Kate is losing by 125 points. The game is almost over, but she has the rack of AEMORT? (the question mark represents a blank), while her opponent only has 1 tile left (a blank). In order to win, she's going to need what's known as a triple-triple (an eight-letter word that uses all of her tiles and spans two triple word scores—this means the value of her word is multiplied by nine and she scores the 50-point bonus too). Can you find a winning play? How many winning plays are there? Which scores the most?

Note: You may find it helpful to consult the list of acceptable two-letter words, which can be found at: http://crosstables.com/download/CHEAT_HOME_2014.pdf .



WORDS FROM WORDS

Each of the words below has two additional common-word anagrams (using the current North American Scrabble dictionary, called OWL3). Can you find them?

LASERED	SWITHER	CORNUTO	LASHINGS	DISENDOW
SEPALED	MERCADO	CORKIEST	NOCTUIDS	RHAMNOSE

BY JONATHAN SCHMALZBACH

THE CROSBY DERBY:

An All-American Game for Children and Adults

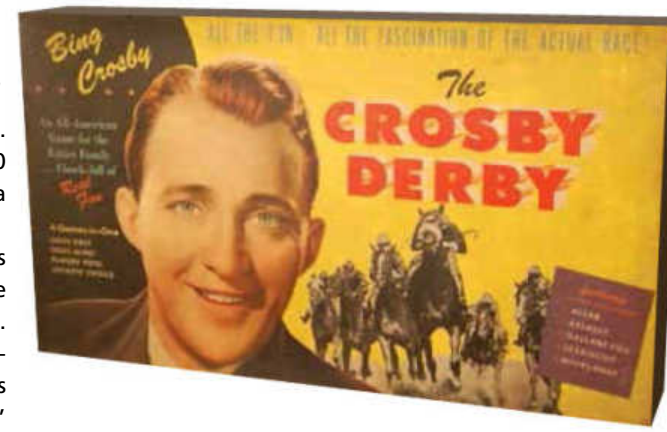
In 1947, horse racing was giddily popular in America. That year Santa Anita Park averaged more than 35,000 daily fans. More than 83,000 attended the Santa Anita Handicap. Horse racing was truly the sport of kings.

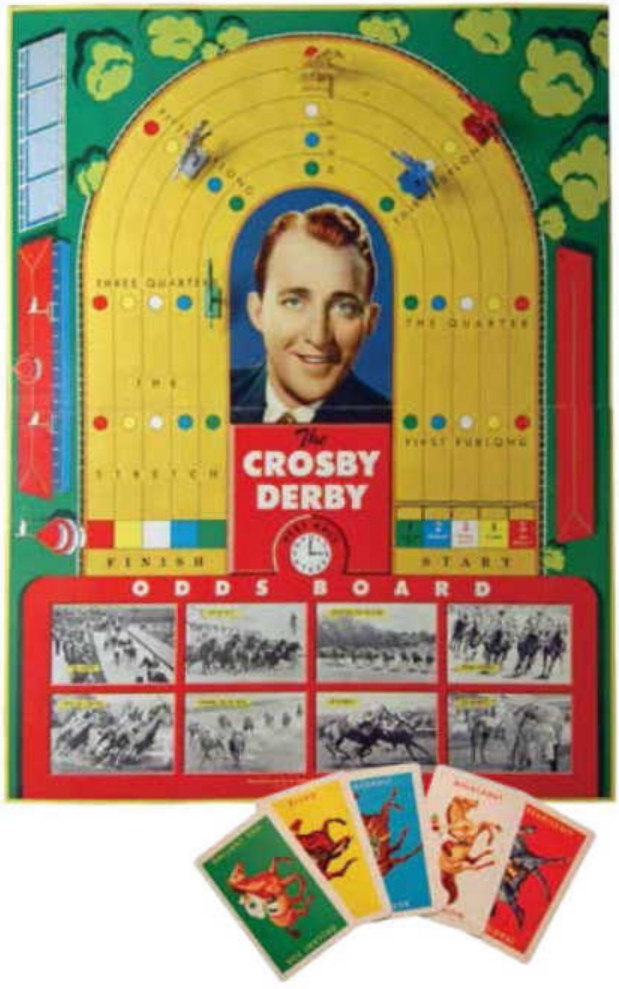
Hoping to capitalize on the sport's popularity, Chicago's H. Fishlove & Company came out with a board game called The Crosby Derby: An All-American Game for Children and Adults.

At that time, Bing Crosby was America's biggest star. The winsome and beloved crooner ruled the airwaves with hit singles like ``White Christmas" and ``Ac-Cent-Tchu-Ate the Positive," and he starred in such classic Hollywood films as *Going My Way* and *The Bells of St. Mary's*. Crosby also loved the ponies, buying his first racehorse in 1935. He was a founding partner of California's Del Mar Thoroughbred Club, a stockholder in Santa Anita Park, and a horse breeder.

Scientifically and Mathematically Correct

Naturally, its Bing's baby blues that grace the cover of this family-friendly game, which promises to recreate all the "thrills and excitement of an actual horse race." It claims to be "scientifically and mathematically correct in that the odds are accurately determined in direct ratio to the horse's probability of winning." *My kid may be a degenerate gambler…but he sure knows his math and science!*





In every race the same legendary five steeds compete. A player can choose to bet on Whirlaway, Assault, Gallant Fox, Alsab, or Seabiscuit. Eight cards from a deck are placed faceup on the eight panels of the Odds Board. The odds on each horse are computed by adding one extra to the number of like cards on the board. For example, if there are two Whirlaway cards on the Board, the odds on Whirlaway are 3:1; the same principle applies to the other four horses. *Very scientific indeed.*

And Off They Go

The players bet on their favorite colts and are given nifty parimutuel tickets by a designated Banker in the amount of their bets. After all bets are made, the Banker slowly turns up the remaining cards from the top of the deck. Each card turned up for the corresponding horse advances the steed one "furlong space." Scrappy little iron representations of the famed racehorses start rounding the track. The first mount to have his card picked seven times wins the race. Then the race continues until the place horse (second place) finishes. The Banker then pays the winning ticket holders.

The board is beautiful, featuring Der Bingle's red-haired countenance surrounded by a colorful track. It's fun to push the natty little horses around the course, and the playing cards are works of equestrian art.

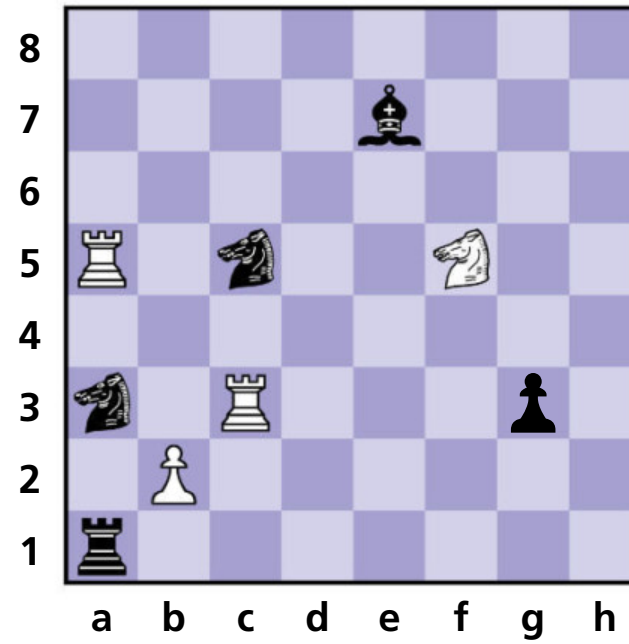
Sadly, it would take many mint juleps to bring any excitement to this game. The play is just not that interesting. It was however, very much like this author's experience at real racetracks—I lost far more races than I won. In this way though, I emulated Bing. Although Crosby's stables enjoyed limited success, during radio appearances he would often joke about his horse racing failures. "Crosby's horse finally came in" became a popular gag. Win some, lose some. ■

This Old Game is a new feature by regular GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES *contributor and vintage board game collector Jonathan Schmalzbach. Each column will profile a game from his collection.*

SOLE SURVIVOR

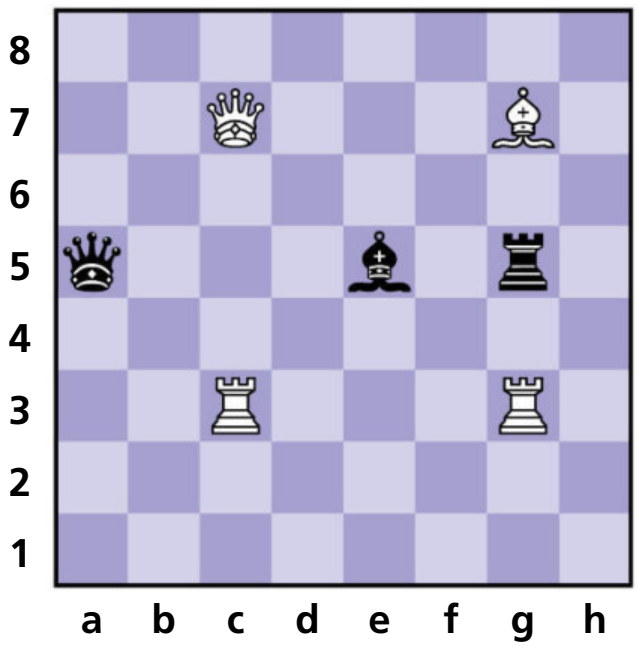
In these puzzles, you are presented a chess configuration that may or may not include kings. Each piece moves as it normally moves in chess. It's up to you to determine whether White or Black moves first. Every move must eliminate a piece of the opposing color. At the end, there must be only one piece remaining—the sole survivor. ■

As a warmup, here is the puzzle from last issue. At right is the initial configuration:



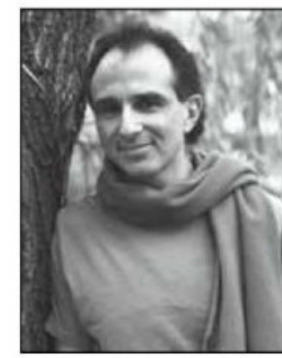
Here is the solution:
White moves first:
Ra5xc5, Be7xc5, Pb2xa3, Bc5xa3, Rc3xa3, Ra1xa3, Kf5xg3, Ra3xg3.

Now here is the problem for this issue.



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WORDPLAY
COMING OR GOING

Can you determine what is unique about the words below, besides having at least two repeated letters?

ACIDIC	POTATO
ASSESS	PREFER
BANANA	REVIVE
GRAMMAR	ROCOCO
IGNITING	UNEVEN
MOTTO	VOODOO

—Raymond Love

TOUGH NUTS
WEIGHTED DIAGONAL

In this cross-number puzzle, each square in the diagram is to contain a digit from 1 through 9; no zeroes are used.

DIAGONAL

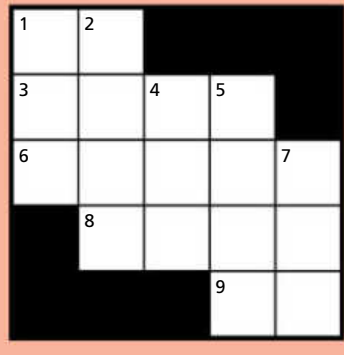
1 From top to bottom, each digit is greater than the digit preceding it.

ACROSS

1 A number divisible by 11.
3 The number formed by the first two digits is the sum of the last two digits.
6 Each digit is greater than or equal to the digit preceding it.
8 The last digit is odd.
9 A number divisible by 11.

DOWN

1 See 4-Down.
2 The number formed by the last two digits is twice the number formed by the first two digits.
4 The sum of 1-Down and 7-Down.
5 The number formed by the last two digits is twice the number formed by the first two digits.
7 See 4-Down.



—Virginia McCarthy



WORDPLAY
ANAGRAMMATIC PAIRS

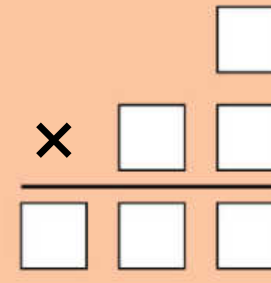
Each of the 20 clues below suggests a seven-letter word whose letters can be rearranged to form one of the other answer words. Can you solve the clues and find the 10 pairs of anagrams?

1. 1972 musical film starring Liza Minnelli
2. Aftermath of a close election, sometimes
3. Chemical element in the title of a 1944 Frank Capra film
4. Common bank transaction
5. Defeat soundly
6. Expand
7. High-end, as a restaurant or neighborhood
8. ___ *Hospital* (TV series airing since 1963)
9. Increase eightfold
10. Inverse trigonometric function
11. Pair of lines from a poem, often rhyming
12. Perceive
13. ___ *Promises* (2007 David Cronenberg film)
14. Regional form of a language
15. *The Importance of Being* ___ (Oscar Wilde play)
16. The ___, The Military College of South Carolina
17. University of Cincinnati mascot
18. Upper parts of a ship
19. Void, as a contract
20. Word following space or time

—Paddy Smith

NUMBER PLAY
SIX MIX

Can you fill in each of the boxes below with a digit from 1 to 6, using each exactly once, to make the multiplication work? The solution is unique.



—Karen Nimmons

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WORDPLAY
AUNT HILDEGARDE
The last time I visited my daffy Aunt Hildegarde, she was partial to xylophones, stilts, Kleenex, and tutus—just because the first two letters of each of those words are alphabetically adjacent. This month she's been hanging around Uncle Pete a lot, and she has a peculiar new set of likes and dislikes. Can you explain the new principle behind her current tastes?

This month Hildegarde prefers MORNING to EVENING.
She's anxious to EARN, but not to SAVE.
She'd rather have PEARS than APPLES.
She likes the TIDE, but the OCEAN itself leaves her cold.
She's partial to TEA, but not to COFFEE.
Her fancy's captured by a BARON or a PRINCE, never by a COUNT.
She likes SIGHT, not HEARING.
She likes ONE, TWO, and FOUR; not THREE, FIVE, and SEVEN.
She likes DAYS but not MINUTES.
She enjoys the COURSE she's taking, but is not fond of the EXAMS.

—David Diefendorf

TEASERS
A WHOLE LOT IN COMMON
What do the following numbers all have in common?

0	16	40
7	18	50
13	19	60
14	20	80
15	30	90

Hint: These are the only whole numbers that share this property.

—Paddy Smith

WORDPLAY
IN THE BEGINNING
What same thing can be done to each of the words below to make 12 completely different words? No letters are rearranged.

CHANGE	TRACT
POSITION	IT
AMPLE	ACT
HALE	CITATION
TENT	PRESS
PLAIN	TEMPORARY

—Raymond Love

NAMEPLAY
SI?
Can you match each three-letter word beginning with SI to one of the definitions (1–8) that follow?

SIA	SIM
SID	SIN
SIF	SIR
SIL	SIX

1. ___ *City* (2005 film based on a Frank Miller graphic novel)
2. ___City (1989 video game that has spawned many sequels)
3. "Chandelier" (2014 song) recording artist
4. Character played by Michelle Williams and Natasha Henstridge in *Species* (1995 film)
5. Ground sloth character in all four *Ice Age* films (2002, 2006, 2009, 2012)
6. Jaimie Alexander's character in the films *Thor* (2011) and *Thor: The Dark World* (2013)
7. Roger Cross's character on *Dark Matter* (2015 TV series)
8. *To* ___, *With Love* (1967 Sidney Poitier film)

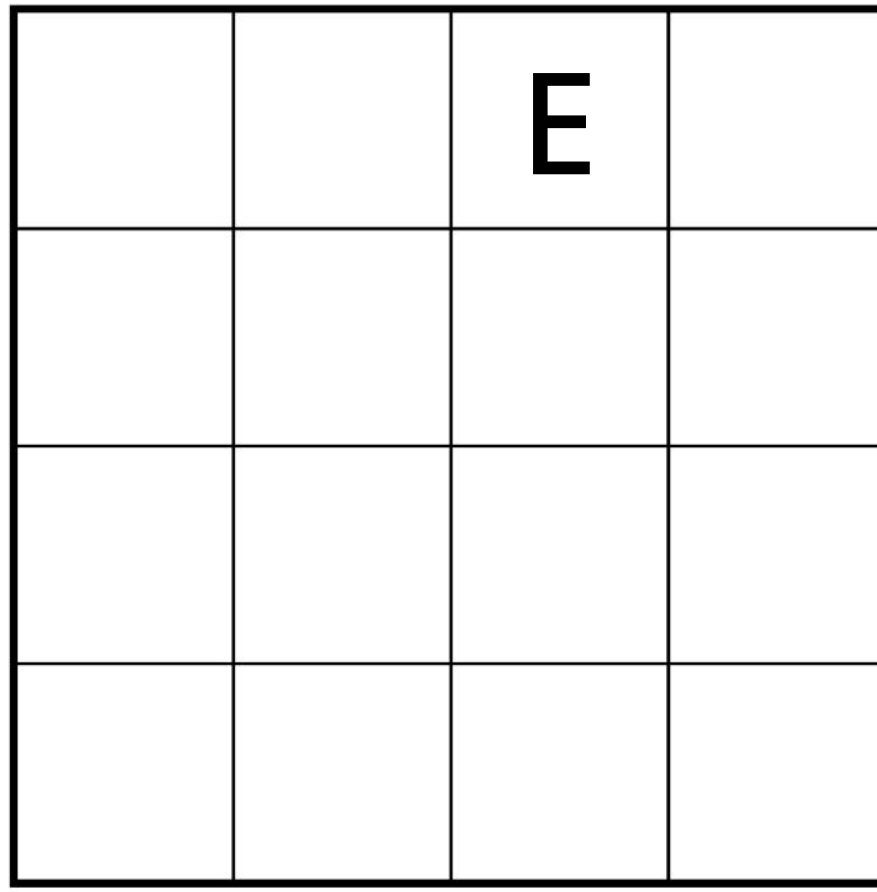
—R.H. Wei



FLUSTERED AGAIN

This contest is similar to the original Flustered contest (November 2014 GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES). Here's how it works: In the word game Fluster, letters are randomly drawn and placed in a 4×4 grid. Players then try to form words by moving from letter to touching letter—horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. All letters of a given word must be found in different squares. Below the grid is a list of seven words found in a recent game. We've shown you the position of one letter, an E. Using logic, fill in the remaining 15 letters so that all of the listed words can be spelled following the rules given above.

First Prize $100
5 Runner-Up Prizes:
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ABUSE
DRUMS

DUSTMEN
LOUD
PRUDE

PLUSH
SIGHT

You can use logic to whittle down the number of possible letter grids to just two. In one of those two grids (but not the other), it's possible to spell out two additional very common seven-letter words and one other seven-letter word that isn't uncommon. None of them are related to any words in the original list. These three words are the solution to the contest.

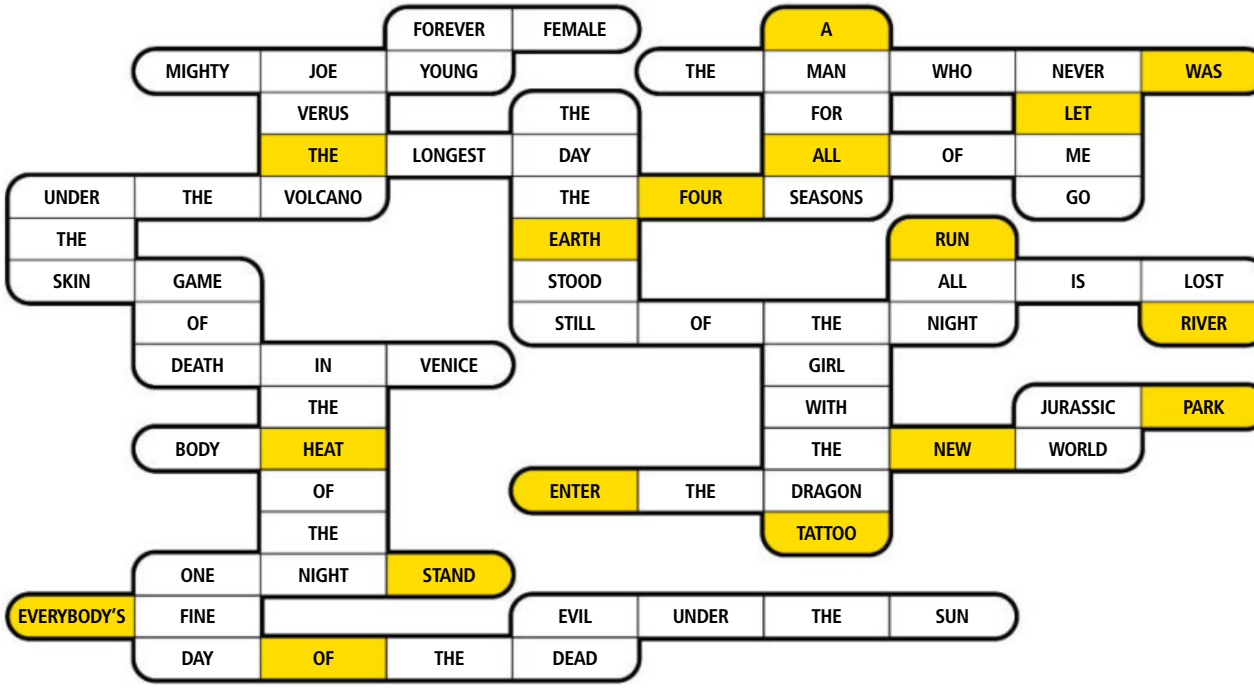
To enter, write the three seven-letter words, along with your name and address, on a postcard or on the back of an envelope and send it to: **Flustered Again Contest, GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, P.O. Box 184, Fort Washington, PA 19034**. Entries must be received by May 2, 2016. You may enter more than once, but each entry must be mailed separately. The winner will be chosen by random draw from among the correct entries. ■

CINEMA-CROSS

From September

To solve this contest, you had to enter 75 given words into the white and yellow rectangles of the empty grid, one word per rectangle, to form 33 movie titles, each one reading across or down within every group of two to six adjacent rectangles. The first letters of the words in the 17 yellow spaces could be rearranged to form a three-word movie title, which was the answer to this contest.

After completing the grid, as shown below, you could see that the first letters of the words in the 17 yellow spaces, read from left to right and top to bottom, were: A, W, L, T, A, F, E, R, R, P, H, N, E, T, S, E, O. These letters could then be rearranged to form the movie title that was the solution to the contest: WATER FOR ELEPHANTS.



This was a popular contest: We received a total of 543 entries, almost all of which gave the correct answer. Congratulations to the winner of the $100 first prize, Mike Reczek of Orland Park, IL. Runner-up prizes of a year's subscription to GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES (or an additional year for current subscribers) go to: Cory Brownson of West St. Paul, Manitoba; Helen Chao of New York, NY; Kathy Harding of Maynard, MA; David Kelley of Hudson, NH; and Dave Krszjzaniek of Madison, WI. ■

DECK-BUILDING
DOMINION
RIO GRANDE/MAKING FUN; IPAD/FIRE/ANDROID/ BROWSER; FREEMIUM
AGE RANGE: EVERYONE
PLAY TIME: UNLIMITED



It's three years late, but the mobile version of the hit card game Dominion is finally available as a polished port with all the features fans could want.

Dominion is the mother of all deck-building games and the single most influential title of the past decade. Each player begins with a small deck of cards representing money and property. The gold allows you to buy more cards from a marketplace spread across the table. The property provides the points needed to win.

Cards do different things. Money can either be used to purchase more money, thereby increasing your buying power, or to acquire property cards to add victory points. But while having properties is the key to victory, you don't want to fill your deck with them too early or they'll clutter up your hand. Instead, you buy action cards, which provide more expansive actions and purchasing power each round.

Every turn, a player draws a new hand of five cards, and may then play one action card and buy one additional card. The action cards provide exceptions to these rules. At their simplest, they allow players to perform additional actions, buy more cards, or draw extra cards, among other things. At their most complex, they allow you to attack other players, steal their cards, create ongoing effects, and perform various offensive or defensive actions.

The mobile version is an attractive but unfussy adaptation of the game. A lot of cards and information are displayed on the screen at once without looking busy or crowded. The hallmark art of the series is reproduced perfectly, and the mechanics are very good. Solo play is decent although the AI is nothing special. Multiplayer seems to be pretty stable so far and allows for both private games and public matchmaking.

The base set and a narrative "campaign" are available for free, providing plenty of content with no investment, although some annoying ads will appear between sessions (never in-game.) All of the different sets are available for purchase, but they're pretty expensive. The full set is about $90, with single sets costing about $15 to $20. Given the wealth of free content available, however, it's hard to complain. ■

Good choice for fans of: Ascension

OVERALL RATING A

STRATEGY/TRAINS
STEAM: RAILS TO RICHES
MAYFAIR/ACRAM
IPAD/ANDROID; $6
AGE RANGE: EVERYONE
PLAY TIME: UNLIMITED



It's a good month for classic games in mobile ports. The original Steam game is a rebranding of Martin Wallace's award-winning board game Age of Steam. It's appealing for its accessibility: It takes the train genre, often associated with complex 18xx games, and boils it down into something more playable.

Steam is played on a board representing either a portion of the U.S. and Canada or Europe's lower Rhine and Ruhr region. The map is dotted with developed cities, undeveloped towns, and geographical features like mountains and rivers. The goal is to lay rail connecting towns and move freight, represented by colored blocks, to generate income.

Each player begins with a loan and can borrow more money each turn. Opponents bid for the right to go first, which allows them to pick certain actions like expanding a town into a city or increasing the locomotive level in order to haul freight farther. The farther a load is hauled and the more cities it passes through, the greater the reward.

Track is laid as hexagonal tiles in various configurations, allowing players to build a complex network of rail lines connecting cities and towns. Although you can use another player's tracks, you pay for the privilege, which may or may not be worth it.

Each turn, players perform their actions, build three or four track sections, move goods or improve the locomotive level, handle income and expenses, and then have an auction for the next round's action tiles. Money earned by shipping can be used to pay down debt and even increase purchasing power, or allotted to victory points, which is where the game is won and lost.

The iPad version is good but not great. It's slow to load and lacks visual flair, although it does offer a faithful reproduction of the look and feel of the board game. The tutorial is decent, but the "rules" are merely a link to a PDF of the board game's rules, without anything unique to the app. It shipped with only pass-and-play multiplayer, but online multiplayer is promised in an update. Strangely, the European map, which comes with the original game, requires an extra purchase here.

The game plays very well, but lacks that final polish that makes a board game port really shine. ■

Good choice for fans of: Railways of the World

OVERALL RATING B

CATEGORY: WORKER PLACEMENT
HARBOUR
PUBLISHER: TASTY MINSTREL GAMES
PRICE: $20
AGES: 10+
PLAYERS: 1–4
PLAY TIME: 30–60 MIN.

Tasty Minstrel packs an amazing amount of play into Harbour's tiny box. A deck of cards, wooden markers, and a pile of small boards are used to represent a bustling dockside market in a fantasy world. It's a compressed version of the worker-placement motif with a couple of unique elements.

The play area uses a 4"×6" board and four cards to depict a dockside market with a series of adjoining buildings, each with a special function. The market has four squares worth $2 to $5 each. Four markers stand for different goods: wood, fish, livestock, and stone. These are placed randomly on the market squares to set the price and quantity for each type of good, such as two livestock for $2, for example.

The buildings house strange and whimsical businesses run by goblins, ogres, and elves, among others. Each building has a unique bonus. For instance, the Clocktower allows you to spend one good to use a building's action twice.

Finally, each player gets a card to represent her own piece of the wharf and buildings. One side of the card lets players choose generic layouts with no bonuses, while the other side depicts characters with their own advantages. For example, the Investor gets one good each time he buys a building.



Play is quite simple: Each turn everyone gets a single action. Each player moves his token to a building and uses that building's function, usually to get more goods. Goods are tracked on the player's wharf card. When someone has enough goods to exchange them for money, he can purchase his own building. Once any player has four buildings, the game ends and each player's point value is assigned, with high score winning.

Harbour is unusual (and merciless) in the way it manages the value of goods. When someone trades a good during a turn, the good that was exchanged loses value. For example, if you were stockpiling stone because it's worth $5, and someone trades stone before you, stone is now worth $2.

Although the variations for each building are huge, the cards are completely self-explanatory and the mechanic very simple, making this a game that pays huge dividends given its ease of play. ■

Good choice for fans of: Le Havre

OVERALL RATING A

CATEGORY: CARD
NO THANKS!
PUBLISHER: MAYFAIR
PRICE: $13
AGES: 8+
PLAYERS: 3–7
PLAY TIME: 20 MIN

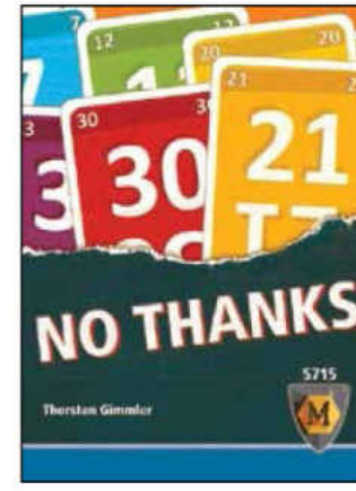
Thorsten Gimmler's 2004 classic No Thanks! is back in a new edition from Mayfair that offers a fresh look and some new variants. This is a dead simple little game that's attracted quite a fan base because of its appealing play and high degree of interaction.

Each player starts with a pile of chips that work as "pass tokens." The game is played with a deck of cards numbered 3 to 35. This deck is shuffled and nine cards are set aside for each round. The game can be played for any number of predetermined rounds, with the goal being the lowest final score after all the rounds are totaled.

Play begins with a random card faceup. Any player who does not want to take this card must put a pass token on it. This continues, with the card accumulating pass tokens, until someone finally decides to take it. A new card is then turned faceup, and the cycle of passing or taking continues until the deck is exhausted.

When someone takes a card, it's placed faceup in his active play area. Each card here is worth its face value in points in the final score unless it's part of a sequential run of cards. If there is a sequential run, then only the first card in the sequence scores.

For example, a player draws a 5, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 25. The 5, 19, and 23 are added together to make a score of 47. If, however, the player had also drawn a 22, only the 5 and the 19 would score for a total of 24.



Once the cards are added, any pass tokens remaining in hand are subtracted to reach the final score for a round. Low score wins.

Passing on cards to allow the tokens to build up, avoiding bad cards, constructing runs, and managing tokens all factor into play, as does the risk of never getting the card you need because it's among the nine not in the current deck. Variants include dealing out the nine cards to players to allow them to be played at any time and removing specific cards from each round. No Thanks! offers a good example of how simple rules and components can deliver plenty of interaction and tough choices. ■

Good choice for fans of: Sushi Go

OVERALL RATING B

Off the Bookshelf: *How to Talk About Videogames*

The latest book by Ian Bogost, a professor of Media Studies at the Georgia Institute of Technology, offers a generous sample of his recent articles about videogames.

Whether Bogost is examining old favorites like Ms. Pac-Man or scrutinizing a flash-in-the-pan app like Flappy Bird, his outlook is thoughtful, inquisitive, and amused.

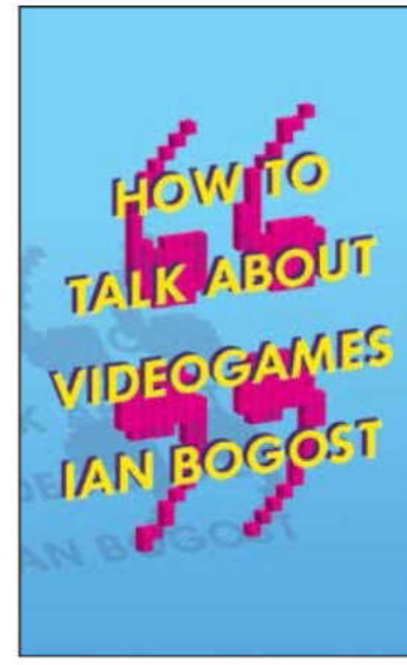
Noting the curious position that videogames inhabit—somewhere between traditional art forms and electronic appliances—he compares them to toasters. And although he admits that the very idea of game criticism is absurd, he persists in seeking meaning from the medium.

Throughout, Bogost's thinking is informed by his experience as a game designer (he created Cow Clicker, among others). In his opinion, the most interesting games are indifferent to players' expectations and also make the familiar somewhat strange. The classic game Go is a good example.

Bogost's writing ventures far beyond the mechanics of gameplay and user satisfaction. He's as likely to reference Wittgenstein as he is to mention Tetris, but his tone is never pretentious. A contributing editor at *The Atlantic*, his prose invites readers to join the conversation.

In his provocative discussion of sports videogames, for instance, Bogost suggests that these profitable pastimes, including the popular Madden franchise, don't just simulate sports, they are literally "computerized variants of sports."

All in all, it's a thought-provoking and entertaining read. ■



His Way

The centenary of Frank Sinatra's birth, celebrated on December 12, 2015, was a reminder of just how great Ol' Blue Eyes was.

Classic songs like "One for My Baby (and One More for the Road)" graced the airwaves, and movie lovers savored his performance as Maggio the doomed soldier in *From Here to Eternity*.

One curious fact about Sinatra was noted among puzzle fans: The Chairman of the Board enjoyed solving crosswords. Yes, you read that right.

We know this thanks to a cache of personal letters Sinatra exchanged with Eugene Maleska, who edited *The New York Times* crossword puzzle from 1979 to 1993.

Maleska may have offered little encouragement to budding crossword setters and even less to inept solvers, but Sinatra was unintimidated.

In a letter dated September 19, 1989, Sinatra recounted how he began solving crossword puzzles. While commuting to a summer job on Wall Street, the 15-year-old saw adults doing the puzzles and gave them a try himself. Thus began a lifelong infatuation. Sinatra even timed himself, telling Maleska that he typically finished a Sunday puzzle in 90 to 120 minutes.

"What a wonderful way to pass the time and also learn new answers every day," Sinatra wrote.

We couldn't agree more! ■

Think Fast!

Even if you haven't picked up a Rubik's Cube since the early 1980s, you undoubtedly recognize the maddeningly amusing puzzle created by Erno Rubik, a Hungarian architecture professor. The iconic object is actually the world's top-selling toy.

What you may not know is that a new generation of kids is pushing this three-dimensional brainteaser to limits that earlier solvers could hardly imagine. They call themselves speed cubers, and they solve these six-sided puzzles with blazing quickness.

Leading the pack, at least for now, is Lucas Etter. On November 21, 2015, the 14-year-old phenom became the first person in the world to solve a Rubik's Cube in less than five seconds. He did it in just 4.904 jaw-dropping seconds.

If that seems incredible, we note that Etter's feat is documented. Not only was the time confirmed by a StackMat, a gizmo that begins ticking off the time as soon as speed cubers lift their hands off the touchpad, but a video of this amazing accomplishment is posted on YouTube. Watching it is spooky. Etter's digital dexterity is so mind-boggling you might mistake it for CGI-generated tomfoolery.

What comes next is anyone's guess. According to a graph on the website FiveThirtyEight, world records in speed cubing have been falling dramatically since 2003.

Can Etter get any faster? Only time will tell. ■

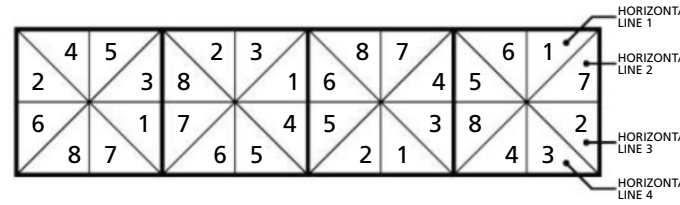


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Will Sudoku

BY BASSEY GODWIN BASSEY

This new sudoku variant is named in honor of *New York Times* crossword editor and World Puzzle Federation co-founder Will Shortz. Your goal in these puzzles is to fill in the grid in such a way that each of the digits 1 through 8 appears only once in each of the rows (horizontal lines) and columns (vertical lines), as well as the 4×4 square boxes. You'll notice in these puzzles, each row and column is split into two "tracks"—inside and outside. Horizontal lines are defined by the similar triangular cells in the boxes of a row. For example, in the diagram at right, horizontal line 1 contains 45238761; horizontal line 2 contains 23816457. The vertical lines work the same way, with each column divided into inside and outside tracks.



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PUZZLE 1

	7 3	1 8			6 4	4 7	
2 6	4	7	5 4	1 7	3	8	6 1
7 3		3 6	7	4	8 2		4 8
	2 6		8 2	3 5		6 1	3
3	1 7		5 2	2 6		6 3	8
6 4		3 8	1	5	7 3		2 7
1 7	5	2	7 4	4 8	6	1	6 3
	6 4	1 6			5 1	2 7	

PUZZLE 2

2 3			5 6	7 2			8 7
	8 6	7 2			6 1	1 4	
3 8			6 7	1 6			4 5
	5 7	3 8			4 5	7 2	
	8 2	7 5			6 1	3 4	
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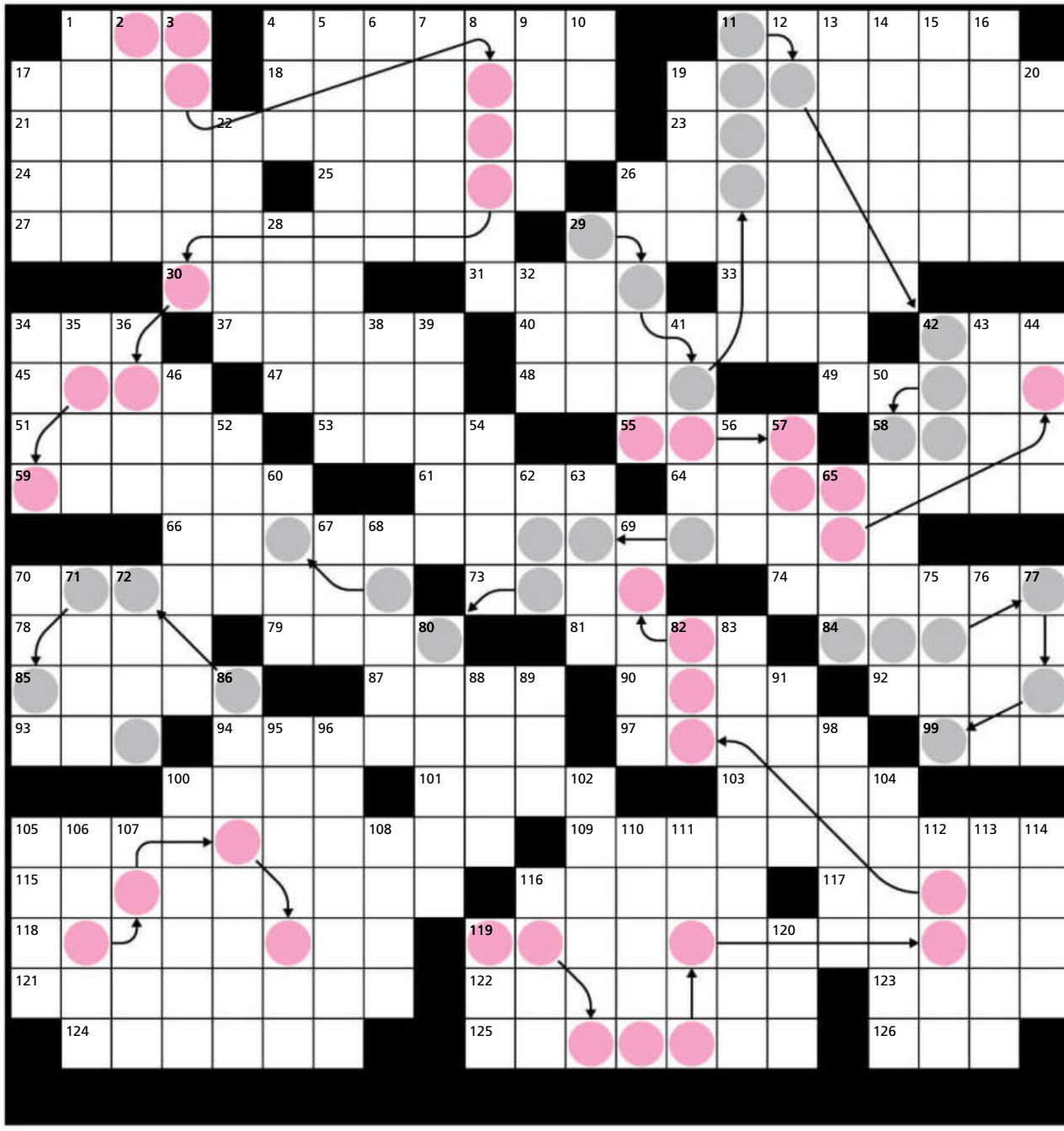
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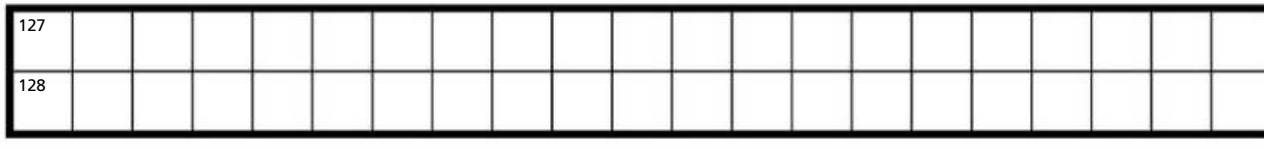
GET A CLUE!

BY DAVID LIBEN-NOWELL

There are three types of things present in the answers of this puzzle, marked by starred clues, double-starred clues, and by circled letters in the grid. But each of these three kinds of things has a representative that's missing from the puzzle. When the rest of the grid is completed, the solution to the puzzle (to be placed at 127- & 128-Across) can be inferred from the representatives that are present.

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ACROSS

1 Despotic name
4 Tenth in a series
11 Chain of the Appalachians in New Jersey and New York
17 Yemeni port
18 Horace's Ars ___
19 Goes dark
21 ** Tool in the pits
23 Enter, like the cavalry
24 Paint alternative
25 Canal sight
26 One who puts up with a lot
27 The Glass City
29 ** Its teeth might be on a roll
30 Optimistic
31 High-tech helper
33 Actresses Scala and Carides
34 Slice from a stick
37 "Ain't gonna happen!"
40 Price of some older movies
42 Bull Run combatant, briefly
45 Basic programming construct
47 Tiara go-with
48 Approval indicator
49 Unit of height
51 Diplomat in NYC, perhaps
53 Watered down
55 Life partner?
58 Not include
59 Some are precious
61 Political heavyweight
64 Turtle shell, e.g.
66 ** Multisport venue famed for its wind gusts
70 Saved for later
73 ___-deucey (backgammon variant)
74 Revealing dance
78 *Beowulf*, for one
79 Essence
81 Feathered flyer
84 One might make you scratch your head
85 Shoots at close range
87 Says, colloquially
90 Hook, line, or sinker
92 Class of sin?
93 One who bugs a lot of people, maybe
94 Loud weather events, briefly
97 Lindsey's predecessor in the Senate
99 Hook shape
100 Part of a famous boast
101 Stopped running
103 Behave like a mule
105 ** Treehouse feature
109 Writer famous for ignoring established case law?
115 One after the next
116 Type of flaw
117 28-Down, in Savannah
118 Emblems of Scotland
119 ** Invention that "won the west"
121 Diagnostic for tuberculosis
122 Huffington of *The Huffington Post*
123 Dead ends?
124 First player with 8 consecutive 100 RBI seasons
125 Gifts in honor of some work anniversaries
126 Fig. that's dashed off?
127 & 128 Who, how, and where

DOWN

1 "What did ___ you?" ("You got a problem with me?")
2 Windshield sticker
3 Deeper, in a way
4 Make a call
5 Stetson
6 Abraham's father
7 Ferrell's cheerleading partner on *SNL*
8 High-scoring plays in Scrabble
9 "Behold," to Brutus
10 Word shouted from the top of a pyramid, perhaps
11 Boom time for Altoona, PA and Stockton, CA
12 Contributed
13 Some mongooses
14 Most humans, geographically
15 *Doctor Zhivago* producer Carlo
16 Offering rainchecks on, maybe
17 Job title modifier: Abbr.
19 Tool for cleaving wood along the grain
20 Ripped
22 Finish with
26 Having three parts
28 117-Across, in Havana
29 Wheel that can be baked
32 Supply lines for medics
34 * Choice
35 Choice
36 Cause for an action
38 City in Kyrgyzstan
39 * Word before space or noise
41 Close a window, e.g.
42 Fellini film
43 Idle or Roberts
44 It stores one of 256 different values
46 * Symbol of pride
50 Hairstyle for a yokozuna
52 Agenda
54 *Curiosity* builder
56 Subway posting
57 Bric-a-___
60 Short cut
62 Org. concerned with false advertising
63 Neck and neck
65 Diminishing sea
67 XX × XXX + (X/X)
68 Stop being bothered by
69 Some cartridges in printers
70 Walkers, briefly
71 Words before "and away"
72 Barely visible
75 Preserve, in a way
76 Caveat emptor phrase
77 Some photographic images, for short
80 Masses
82 Hogwash
83 Tempestuous
86 Kitten alternative
88 Foreign dignitary
89 Compass pt.
91 What's expected
95 * Like the "A" in a literary classic
96 Best organized
98 *Dirty Dancing* dance
100 Frigate or ferry
102 Give a hand
104 Gives in
105 *Norma Rae* director Martin
106 "We Call ___" (1967 Elvis song)
107 "Time makes more converts than reason" writer
108 Takeoff : orig. : landing : ____
110 Jones and James of jazz
111 ___ asada
112 Church centers
113 * Goal after a rough landing?
114 Georgia and Armenia, once: Abbr.
116 Swinger's shout
119 Limit
120 Anatomical duct

DOUBLE CROSS

BY MICHAEL ASHLEY

Answer the clues on the numbered dashes, one letter per dash. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to reveal a quotation reading from left to right. (Black squares separate words.) When you're done, read down the list of answers; their initial letters will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

1G	2C	■	3Q	4L	5G	6P	7K	8F	■	9F	10V	11O	12A	13M	■	14U	15F	16E	■	17W	18R	19T	20M	21K
■	22Q	23W	24A	25P	■	26O	27T	28W	29I	■	30I	31C	32M	■	33D	34V	35H	36B	■	37C	38W	■	39H	40T
41K	42N	■	43L	44Q	45B	46E	47P	■	48O	49H	50N	■	51R	52B	53O	54F	55M	■	56S	57M	58H	59F	■	60G
61W	62K	63Q	■	64G	65M	66H	■	67K	68B	69I	70H	■	71S	72F	73E	74K	75J	76D	77T	78C	79A	80U	■	81F
82J	83L	84P	■	85K	86D	87W	88P	89E	■	90F	91I	92A	93U	94G	■	95T	96K	■	97R	98P	99U	100E	■	101I
102V	103L	104G	105N	■	106E	107H	108N	■	109F	110D	111O	112R	113B	■	114N	115G	116H	117V	■	118M	119F	120Q	121C	122U
123O	■	124J	125E	126M	127V	■	128Q	129L	■	130J	131K	■	132N	133P	134U	135M	■	136T	137S	138D	139U	140K	141R	■
142O	143P	■	144S	145C	146I	■	147F	148W	149I	150K	151M	■	152I	153P	154A	■	155R	156T	157C	158G	159E	160A	161I	■
162O	163E	164I	■	165E	166U	167P	168K	■	169E	170J	■	171P	172I	■	173F	174B	175K	176U	177E	■	178E	179P	180H	181W
182L	183A	■	184E	185F	■	186H	187F	188L	189O	■	190W	191P	192F	■	193D	194S	195J	196H	197L	198G	199P	200T	201O	202M

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A. Barbados-born pop star — 12 160 183 24 154 79 92

B. Job application attachment — 68 45 113 52 174 36

C. Something a judge might hand down — 145 121 37 2 78 31 157

D. Barefoot — 110 76 33 138 86 193

E. Decent, dependable people: 4 wds. — 73 106 89 177 163 159 169 165 178 / 16 125 46 184 100

F. *Modern Family* star with two Emmys: 2 wds. — 119 109 81 90 173 147 185 187 54 / 8 59 15 192 72 9

G. Birth place of Guy Fawkes — 64 5 198 60 94 115 1 104 158

H. Oscar nominee for *Foxcatcher*: 2 wds. — 70 58 49 186 107 66 35 196 116 / 39 180

I. Most popular song from *Anything Goes*: 3 wds. — 30 152 164 146 149 101 91 172 161 / 69 29

J. Instigate — 195 170 124 75 82 130

K. Stimulating invention first patented in 1890: 2 wds. — 150 96 21 7 175 140 85 74 131 / 41 67 62 168

L. Fictional puller of strings — 182 103 129 4 197 43 83 188

M. Butler's colleague — 57 65 32 55 20 126 13 202 118 / 135 151

N. Snicker sound — 114 108 50 132 42 105

O. Concentrated oxide of uranium — 162 123 53 111 142 189 201 48 26 / 11

P. The American Film Institute's greatest movie song of all time: 3 wds. — 98 167 199 143 25 191 47 6 88 / 133 179 171 84 153

Q. Final result — 128 63 3 44 120 22

R. Chafed — 51 18 97 155 112 141

S. Extremely unpleasant-smelling — 144 137 56 194 71

T. Unfit for consumption — 95 200 156 77 40 136 19 27

U. 2000 film that won five Oscars — 80 122 166 134 139 14 99 93 176

V. European shrubland habitat — 10 127 34 117 102

W. Steve McQueen's final movie: 2 wds. — 87 148 61 23 181 38 190 28 17

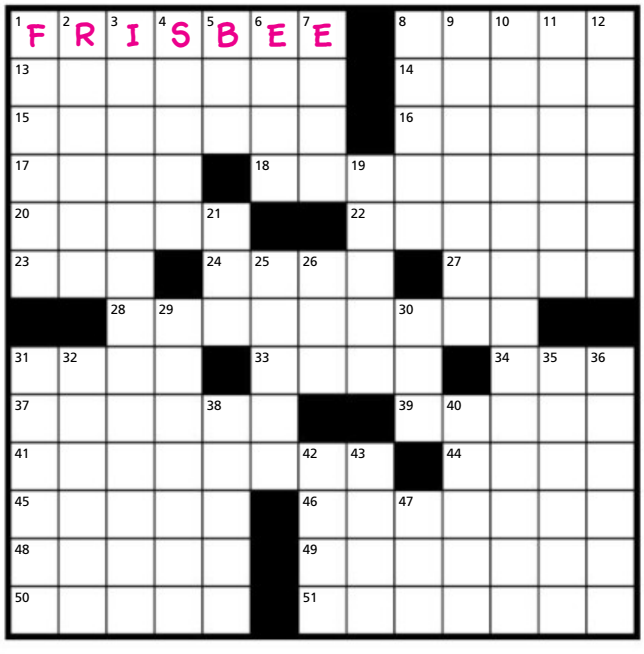
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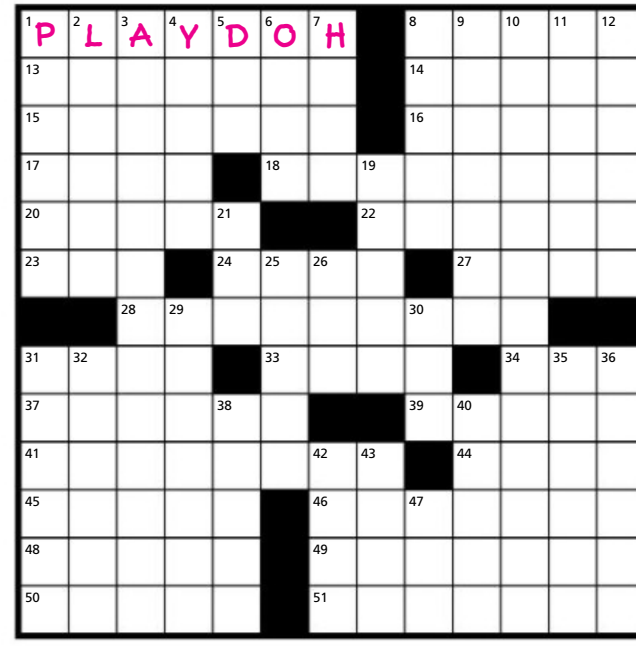
BY FRANK LONGO

This puzzle gives you two grids for the price of one. And two sets of clues to go with them, so you can work both crosswords at the same time. What's the catch? Each clue number is followed by two different clues to two different answers. The puzzle is to figure out which answer goes with which grid. 1-Across has been filled in for you. ANSWERS, PAGE 77

ACROSS

1 One 1998 inductee into the National Toy Hall of Fame...
...and another: Hyph.
8 Shutter pieces
Cookout rods
13 Part of IRS
Sideways
14 Wildly excited
Laces into: 2 wds.
15 Cut off
After a fashion: 2 wds.
16 Tune lead-in
City on the Missouri
17 Minor mistake
Waikiki setting
18 Christmas party headwear: 2 wds.
Doesn't rise early: 2 wds.
20 Center
Hands out hands
22 Earth
Actor Haley Joel ___
23 Camera variety, for short
Wimbledon unit
24 "Like ___ not..."
Gas in bright signs
27 "You love," to Livy
Storklike wader
28 One 2011 inductee into the National Toy Hall of Fame...
...and another: 2 wds.
31 "___ girl!"
Imitating sort
33 D.A.'s aide, e.g.
Teeny bit
34 Mai ___
Oval segment
37 Observe: 2 wds.
Events for the accused
39 *Lou Grant* star Ed
Playing for a sap
41 Tomahawk's kin: Hyph.
Big name in tortilla chips
44 Aleutian island
___ *Reader* (eclectic magazine)
45 Lead-in to salts or Downs
In ___ (not yet born)
46 Visualize
Ochlocracy: 2 wds.
48 Major scuffle
Prefix with biology
49 Conceives of
Dubbed anew
50 Monica of tennis
Prom wear
51 People sawing wood
Pelt processors





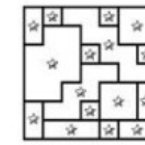
DOWN

1 Spectrum producers
Inundates
2 Nadal of tennis
Nielsen of *Nuts*
3 Do some sidestepping: 3 wds.
"They're pretty much indistinguishable": 4 wds.
4 Canine cries
Where Samsung and LG are based
5 Biotech strand
"It's chilly!"
6 Does brunch, say
Makes public
7 Canine command
Idina Menzel voiced her in *Frozen*
8 Jimmy of *The West Wing*
One tending to horse hooves
9 Wide-brimmed straw toppers
Kerosene, e.g.: 2 wds.
10 Instead: 3 wds.
Ad interim: 3 wds.
11 Sesame-seed paste
Capital of Albania
12 Lawn care brand
Spectators' seats
19 Heron variety
Off-limits acts: Hyph.
21 Chickadee cousin
Show filmed at 30 Rock
25 Proceed snakily
Tickle pink
26 Quaker cereal
"Well now!"
29 Speaking pros
Acorn, in time: 2 wds.
30 Hagen of the stage
It fills *la mer*
31 Wait upon
Photo books
32 Perfectly: 3 wds.
Fitting
35 Elk feature
Jeremy of *The Avengers*
36 Belief systems
"Sounds sorta reasonable": 2 wds.
38 Some burn balms
Prom rides
40 Sweet lumps
Tinfoil alternative
42 Neglect to name
Makes public
43 Wolverine's team: Hyph.
Sprite or Crush
47 Year, in Lisbon
2016 presidential hopeful Carson

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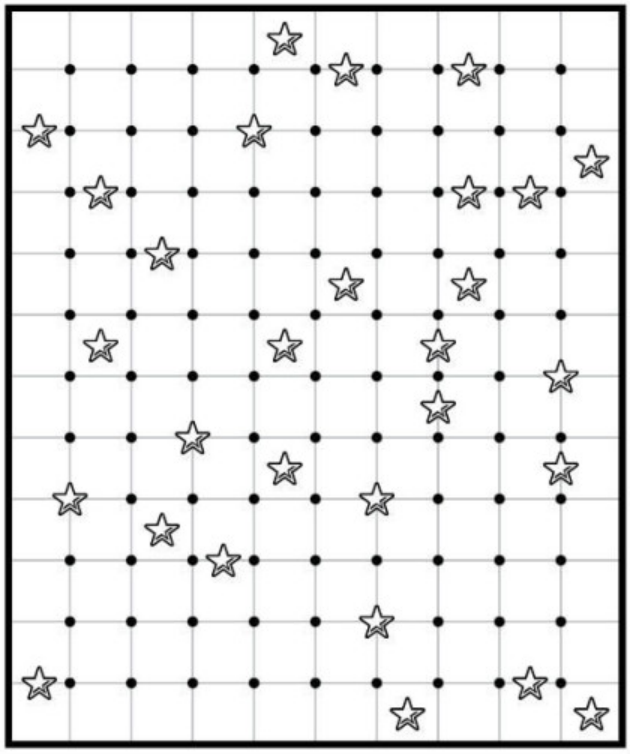
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In each of these puzzles, connect the small dots to make borders so that each star is surrounded by a symmetrical galaxy shape, and the grid is completely tiled with galaxies. Each galaxy shape should look identical to itself when rotated 180 degrees. At right is an example of a solved puzzle. The puzzles start off easy and get progressively harder.

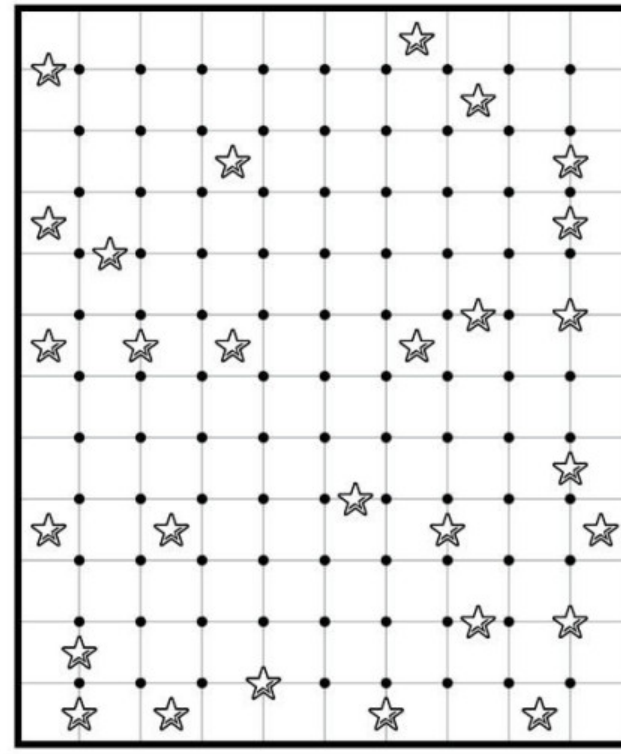


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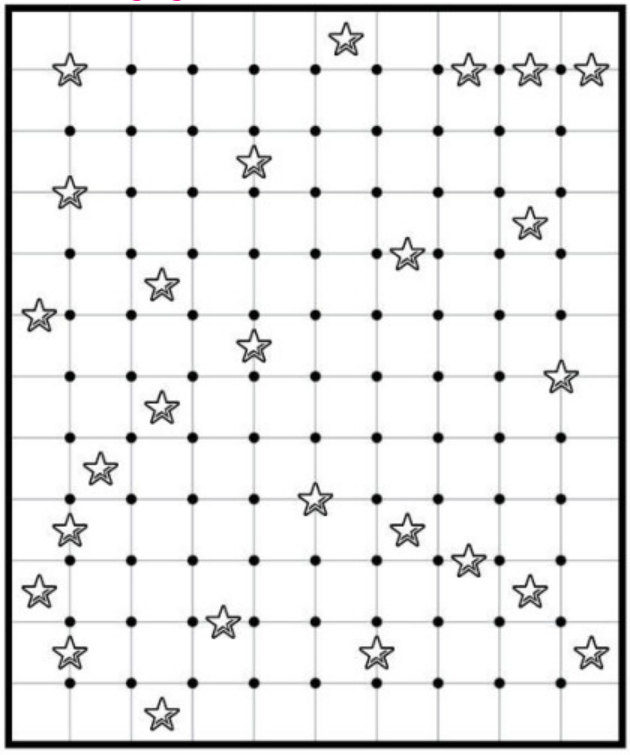
1. Easy



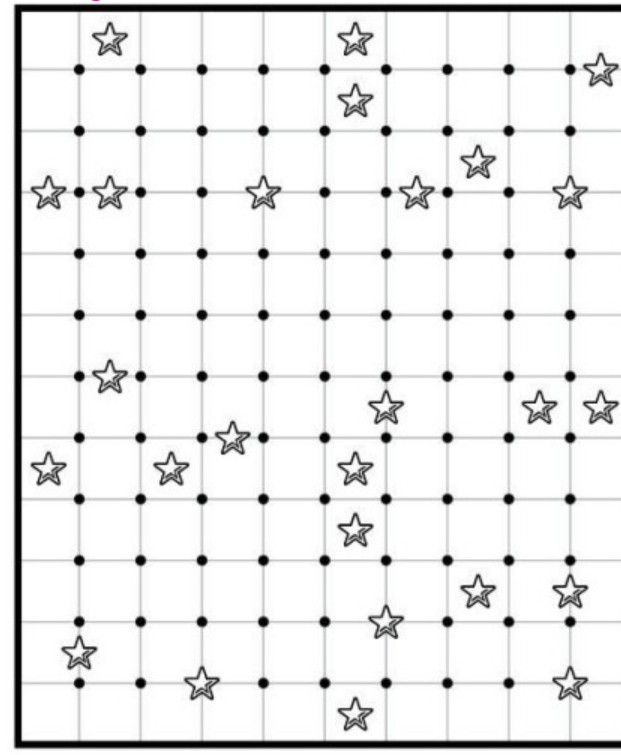
2. Intermediate



3. Challenging



4. Tough



Code Crosswords

BY JOEL NANNI

In the puzzles below, the numbers in the grid squares stand for letters of the alphabet; your task is to crack the code. Once you've figured out the letter that matches a certain number, place that letter in every square containing the same number and in the chart beside the grid. Every letter of the alphabet will appear at least once in the completed grids. ANSWERS, PAGE 77

1	14
2	15
3	16
4	17
5	18
6	19
7	20
8 R	21
9	22
10	23
11	24
12	25 E
13	26

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K	X
L	Y
M	Z

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13	26	17	16	25	■	21	12	12	25	18	17	21	16	25
9	■	19	■	26	■	22	■	■	■	4	■	26	■	23
10	17	23	22	25	16	■	■	11	21	16	6	4	23	■
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9	13	24	24	■	8	13	11	2	■	3	1	21	8	24
13	■	25	■	■	■	21	■	4	■	■	■	23	■	24
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16	13	23	10	23	■	25	8	19	4	26	4	22	17	9

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15	■	6	■	22	■	14	■	7	■	15	■	21	■	10
10	12	12	4	3	■	8	20	6	7	10	21	1	4	10
11	■	17	■	12	■	3	■	12	■	20	■	4	■	15
10	11	10	20	8	10	12	17	10	■	7	22	3	17	10
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25	■	7	■	10	■	5	■	11	■	6	■	16	■	3
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2	15
3	16
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7	20
8	21
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13 A	26

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These eight puzzles feature a unique blend of logic and art. The numbers are all you need to determine which squares should be filled in to form a picture. Here's how it's done:

The numbers outside each row and column tell you how many groups of black squares there are in that line and, in order, how many consecutive black squares there are in each group. For example, 4 5 9 2 tells you that there will be four groups that will contain, in order, 4, 5, 9, and 2 consecutive black squares. The fact that the numbers are separated tells you that there is at least one empty square between them. (There may also be empty squares at the ends of lines.) The trick is to figure out how many empty squares come between the black ones.

Here's a starting hint: When there's a single number in a row and that number is greater than half the number of squares in the row, you can fill in one or more center squares. For example, in the sample below (Figure 1), which is 10 squares wide, the sixth and seventh rows each have the number 8. No matter how you place eight consecutive black squares in a row, the middle six squares will be filled in (Figure 2). Similar logic can be used to start a line that has more than one number in it. In the sample, the third column contains the numbers 1 6. The single black square and the following empty square must take up at least two squares above the 6. No matter how they get placed, the fifth through eighth squares of the column will be black (Figure 3). Figure 4 shows the completed picture.

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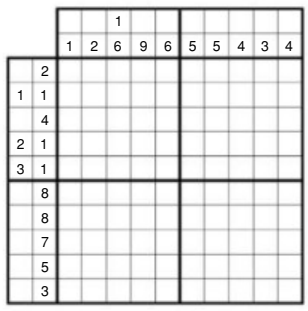


Figure 1

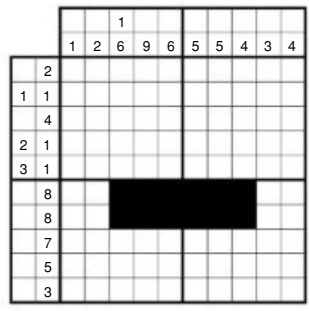


Figure 2

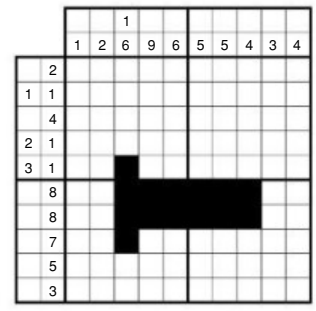


Figure 3

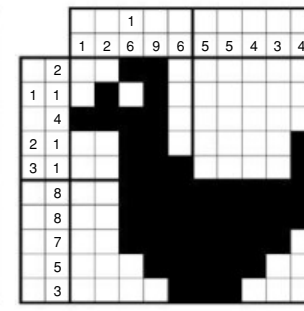


Figure 4

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Column clues (left to right, read top to bottom):

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4 3 2 4
2 6 5
9 2 3
3 5 2 3 2
5 4 2 4 1
6 6 2 1 1 1 1
7 9 1 2 1
8 7 2 3 1
6 2 1 7
5 6 1 7
5 2 5 2 4 1
5 1 1 4 1 5 2
5 3 4 2 7
5 5 6 2
13 3 1 6
11 3 1 2 4
9 1 1 1 1 2 2
5 3 4 1 2
1 1 2 2 3
3 3 4 2 2
2 1 3 1 2 4
1 2 2 3 2
2 8 1 3 2
3 2 2 1 4
4 1 3 2 1 1 4 1
5 4 2 3 1 3 2
2 1 2 1 5 4 2
3 6 9

Row clues (top to bottom):

5 1
9 2
11 8
13 5
13 5
6 5 2 1
5 3 4 3
5 2 1 4
3 2 4
4 3 5
8 8 3
9 8 2 1
3 6 7 4 3
6 4 5 3 2 4
2 2 4 1 2 3 1
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1 3 2 1 3 1 2 1
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6 1 1 1 2 3
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1 2 1 3 2 1
1 3 3 2 1 1 2
1 1 1 2 8 2 4
2 2 8 2 6
4 11 8
5 6 1 2 4 2 1
6 2 10 2 3
21 1 1 4

7

Column clues (left to right, read top to bottom):

3 2 1 1 1
2 2 6 7
1 1 2 1 1 1 1
2 1 2 2 1 7
1 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 1 4 3
1 1 7 5
1 1 2 1 2 3
2 3 2 1 4 2
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3 1 1 2 4 1 2 1
2 3 1 3 1 3
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1 2 1 1 1 2
1 2 9 1 1 1
1 1 1 2 2 3 1 2
3 1 1 2 2 1 1 3
1 5 2 5 2
1 3 5 1 1 1
1 2 1 3 3 1 1
2 5 2 3 1 1
1 1 2 6
5 1 2 1 1
3 4 3 6
1 3 2 1 1 1 1
2 6 2 1 6
3 1 2 1 2 1 1
7 1 2 6
5 1 1 1
4 1 6
4 4 1 1 1
3 7 3 4
2 2 3 3 1 1
3 2 1 1 2 6
8 2 1 1

Row clues (top to bottom):

3 1 4 2
3 2 1 1 5 1 2
2 3 2 2 2 1 2
1 2 2 1 3 2 3
2 1 1 3 2 1 2 1 2 2
2 3 4 1 3 3 1
5 1 1 2 1 2 1 2 1 3
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1 1 2 2 1 7 1 1
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1 1 3 4 1 1 15
5 4 1 5 1 1 1 1 1 1
1 1 5 5

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Column clues (left to right, each read top to bottom):

Column	Clues
1	11 1 11
2	12 2 1 3 4 2
3	1 12 1 3 2 1 3 4
4	1 12 1 2 1 1 4 3 1
5	2 8 1 2 3 1 2 2 3
6	2 8 6 2 2 1 3
7	4 3 2 1 4 1 7 2
8	4 4 2 3 1 4 3 2 2
9	6 1 2 1 4 4 3 1 3
10	6 2 2 1 3 2 3 1 2
11	7 2 2 1 3 1 2 5 2 2
12	7 3 1 1 3 1 3 4 2 1
13	6 3 2 3 2 3 3 3
14	8 1 1 3 1 2 4 1
15	7 1 3 2 1 5 1
16	4 1 1 4 3 6 3
17	3 5 1 4 1 1 2 2 2
18	7 1 5 3 2 2 1 1
19	2 1 2 1 4 5 1 2 3
20	3 2 1 2 3 2 1 3 1
21	8 1 7 1 1 3 2 1
22	5 1 6 1 1 2 3 2
23	5 2 8 1 2 5 2 1
24	6 1 2 6 2 5 1 1 1
25	6 1 2 1 2 2 4 1 2
26	5 2 3 3 4 1 2
27	4 9 3 3 2 1
28	2 6 3 2 3 2
29	2 5 4 3 2 1
30	1 8 3 3 2 4
31	1 10 1 2 3 1 6
32	10 2 6 1 6
33	12 5 2 4
34	12 6 6 1
35	5 2 1 2 2 2 2 2
36	9 2 2 2 3 4 1 4
37	2 5 5 3 2 5 2 4
38	3 4 3 6 2 3 2 5
39	3 8 6 1 2 3 10
40	3 2 1 2 2 6 9
41	1 3 2 3 1 3 13 2
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43	2 2 2 2 2 1 3 11 2
44	4 4 2 1 3 4 8 2
45	4 7 2 2 8 2 2 1
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Row clues (top to bottom):

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1	5 5 3 4
2	5 4 3 4 1
3	5 3 6 2 3
4	1 6 1 4 14
5	3 6 1 4 10
6	3 6 2 5
7	4 6 2 4
8	5 6 8
9	6 5 1 5
10	6 11 2 3
11	6 5 1 3 4 2
12	7 11 1 4 4 5 1
13	8 8 3 11 2 3
14	8 2 1 1 2 7 2 7
15	4 1 2 1 1 1 6 1 7
16	2 7 10 6
17	1 1 1 2 10 6
18	1 2 6 3 2 3
19	5 10 2 2
20	2 6 9 2 2 2
21	3 2 11 6 2 5 3
22	8 8 2 2 5
23	17 2 1 4 1 3 1
24	19 2 5 5 1
25	19 4 2 2
26	4 7 4 2
27	1 4 4 2 3
28	2 6 5 2 3 5
29	2 8 3 2 7 2
30	5 7 1 2 4 2 4 2
31	1 8 2 4 2 3 2 3
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33	2 2 5 1 2 1 3
34	4 4 2 3 4 1
35	2 4 1 3 2 8 1
36	2 3 3 6 8 2
37	2 1 8 3 1 4 1 3 2
38	1 1 1 9 4 3 4 9
39	1 1 1 7 6 2 10
40	2 1 2 6 2 3 2 8 1
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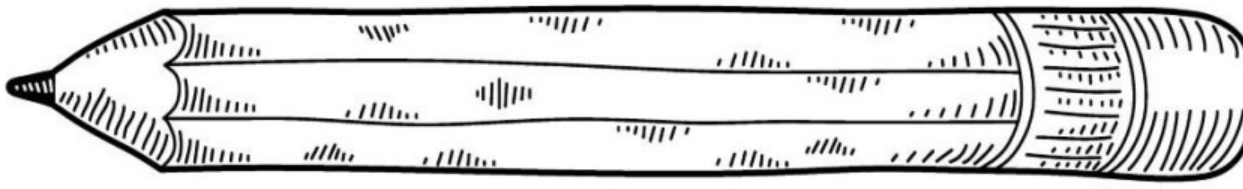
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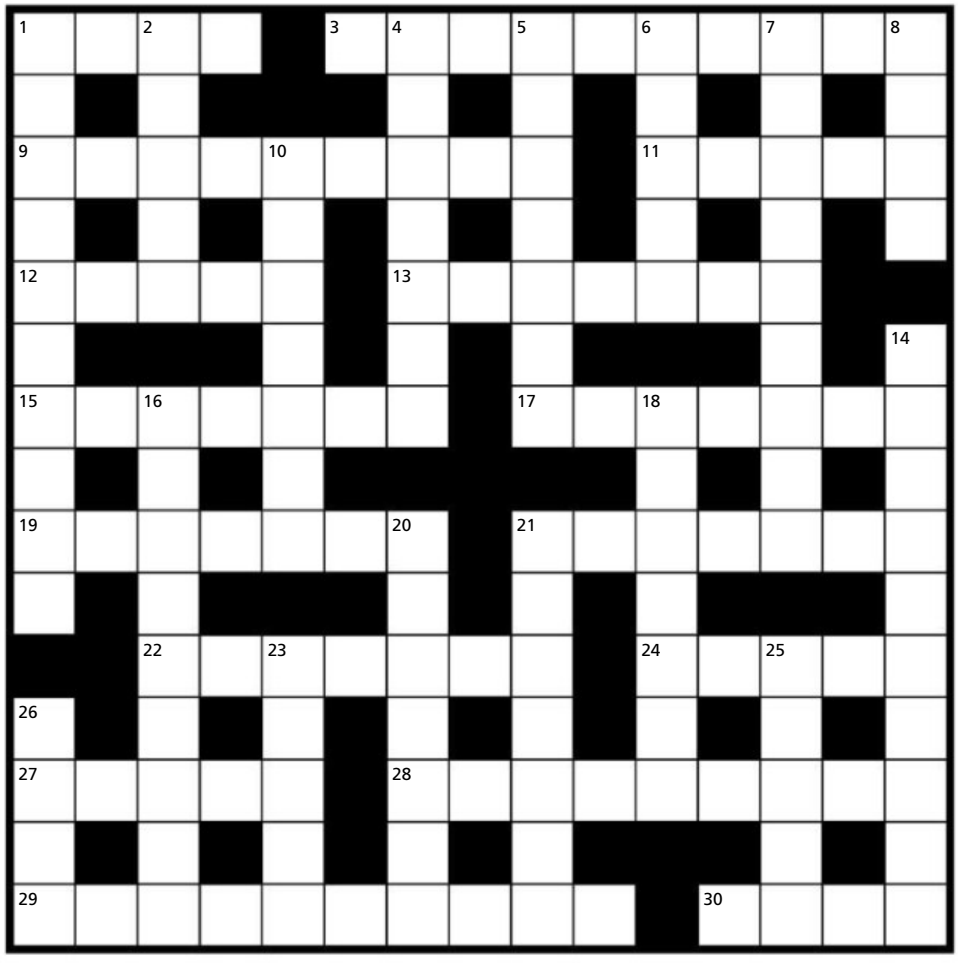
BY CRAIG HAMILTON

Each clue in a cryptic crossword has two parts: a definition of the answer and an indication of the answer's literal makeup via wordplay. Either half may come first; finding the dividing point between the two parts is the key to solving. On page 61, eight common methods by which hints are given via wordplay are described; any combination of these gimmicks may be used.

Expect to see references to abbreviations (*doctor* for DR, *Hawaii* for HI, or *university* for U), chemical symbols (*iron* for Fe), Roman numerals (*five* for V), and parts of words (*end of year* for R, *head of cabbage* for C, or *heart of stone for* O). A clue with an exclamation point may be what's called an *& lit*. clue, in which the two halves overlap, so the whole clue is both a definition and a cryptic indication of the answer, as in *Terribly angered!* for ENRAGED (see "anagrams" on page 61). Give these puzzles a try!

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ACROSS

1 Caesar leads excellent team (4)
3 It seems bottles aren't in petition (10)
9 Like a sponge that's gone around the globe (9)
11 Noted reindeer with me in bed (5)
12 Conclusion that hurts fund (5)
13 Stepped down to take fellows' food (7)
15 Asian city managed to survive (7)
17 Dissolve exclusive group lacking leader at start of fiscal year (7)
19 Heard cracks from anglers (7)
21 *North and South* in characteristic passage (7)
22 Flip eggs about, stir green food (7)
24 Religion is escape (5)
27 Strange urge to hug old rascal (5)
28 Move stealthily out of spy's base (9)
29 Gnarled toe bothered soccer player (10)
30 Recited "Fall" in unison (4)

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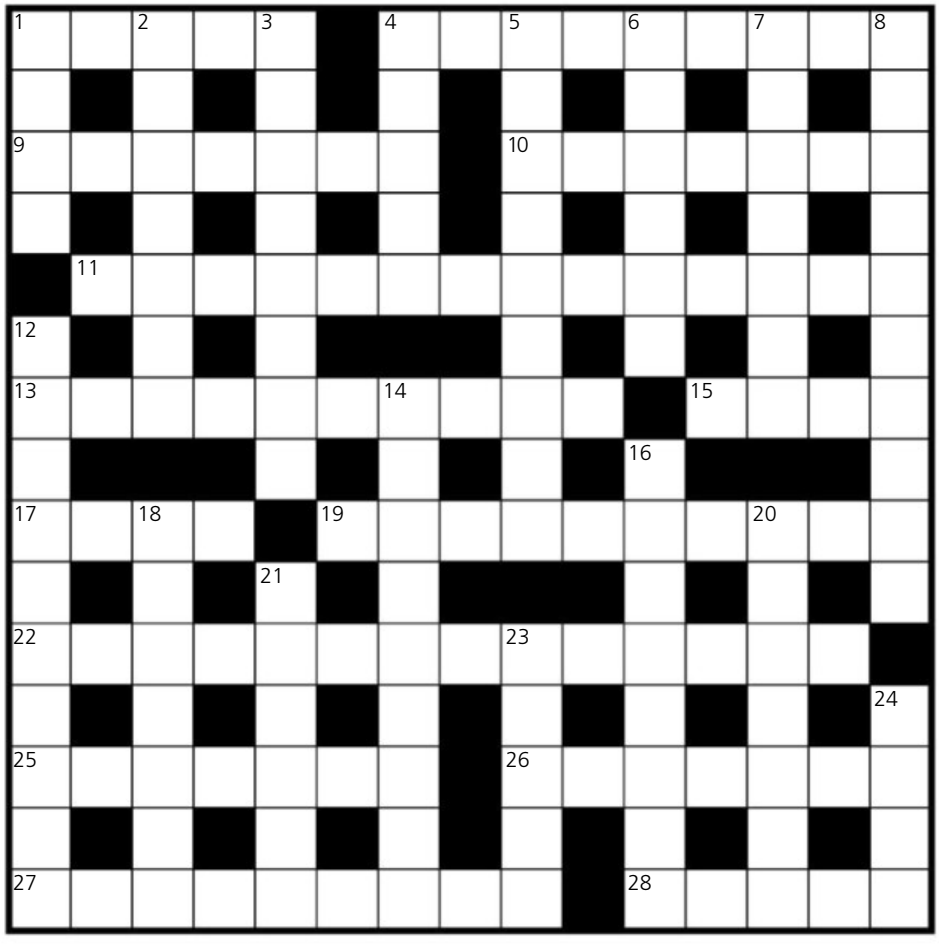
1 All-male comedy boosted center for amateur theatrics (10)
2 Drugged Democrat does dances (5)
4 Early morning edition held by shrimp (7)
5 Worse than evil colony (7)
6 Host seems clever, dismissing odd characters (5)
7 Siren resulting from short-term office worker sitting on lock (9)
8 Still one snowman (4)
10 Changed words were surprisingly full of rubbish (7)
14 Orderly town's upset, hosting unruly teams (10)
16 Longing for the old days again, lost at sea (9)
18 Lit into wharf character (7)
20 Replace phrase with noun to make a point (7)
21 Trumpet music that is in a Hoffman movie (7)
23 Open on time (5)
25 Crazy like a bird? (5)
26 Conservative newspaper's projection (4)

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Cryptic Crossword 2

BY PAM WYLDER

Anagrams: The answer appears in anagrammed form, preceded or followed by a word or phrase that suggests the mixing, as in *Changing times* for ITEMS.
Deletions: Deletions come in three varieties: beheadments, curtailments, and internal deletions. The clue always contains a word or phrase indicating the deletion. Examples: *Uncovered bent charm* for ENCHANT, a beheadment of PENCHANT; *Fiery bird without a tail* for FLAMING, a curtailment of FLAMINGO; and *Heartless miserly bloke* for CHAP, an internal deletion of CHEAP.
Charades: The answer is broken into smaller words that are clued individually, as in *Auto animal* for CARPET.
Containers: A word such as PATIENTS "contains" TIE inside PANTS, so it might be clued as *Hospital residents make knots in trousers*.
Hidden answers: The answer may appear intact, albeit camouflaged, in the clue. Example: *Myopic colonel clutches flute* for PICCOLO (myopic colonel).
Homophones: A word that sounds like the answer indicated by use of a giveaway phrase such as "We hear" or "as they say." Example: *Counted frozen chicken out loud* for NUMBERED ("numb bird").
Reversals: A synonym for "backward" or "overturn" in a clue may indicate a reversal, as in *Returned beer fit for a king* (LAGER reversed) for REGAL.
Double definitions: This type of clue has no wordplay half; instead, it has two definition halves. Example: *Scooter was blue* for MOPED. ANSWERS, PAGE 78



ACROSS

1 Saw second half of inning start off the wrong way (5)
4 Head of Arista engineered more hits for rock group (9)
9 Continue to suffer after the initial pain (7)
10 Policeman retracted written statement about donut (7)
11 Stranger honored as noted Spanish explorer (8,2,4)
13 Perhaps to Anne fame is a difficult accomplishment (2,4,4)
15 Provided lunch for Safeco's top agents (4)
17 Abundant sources of riboflavin, iodine, and iron (4)
19 Fish nets torn and starting to empty across part of Arctic Ocean (7,3)
22 Publisher is happier hosting American Network's premiere of *Titanic* (7-7)
25 Unpopular stuffing: creamed corn with bit of toasted bread (7)
26 A second-tier celebrity is sore? (7)
27 Caught up in spoiled son's greed (9)
28 Canyon running through Wyoming or Georgia (5)

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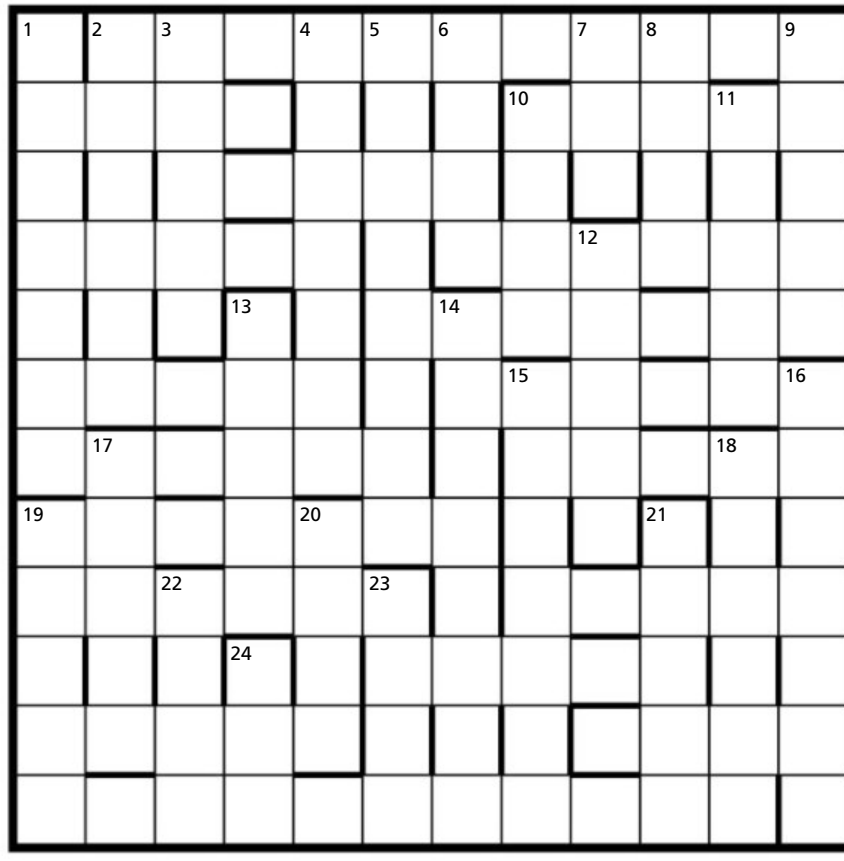
1 Complain about old guy (4)
2 Get a mat adapted for a couple of wrestlers, maybe (3,4)
3 Bit of other income from leasing houses is primarily from the East (8)
4 White, like chicken? (5)
5 One trial lost without a reason (9)
6 Farmer welcomes hard rainfall (6)
7 Beg for fairy tales? (7)
8 Make sound walls in shady areas for coastal creature (6,4)
12 Mythological character had romance at sea (10)
14 Francium expands, releasing uranium particles (9)
16 Concealing burn, covering fire residue (8)
18 Hide record of voyage describing Magellan's last ⅛ mile (7)
20 She let lunatic run asylum (7)
21 Sibling turned over temporary restraining order for small café (6)
23 Ultimately, everyone starting to bounce on bunk fell off (5)
24 Liberal leaders of French Resistance enlisted eavesdroppers (4)

Order, Please

BY BOB STIGGER

The Across clues are Out of Order! Happily, it will be a simple matter to determine where each answer belongs, because Across answers appear in the grid in alphabetical order. Down clues are normal, although one Down answer is a variant spelling. Letters are assigned to Across clues solely for convenience of reference.

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ACROSS

A Guarantee result, accepting a bit of risk
B Scout group's miserable time in retreat
C Here in Paris, the east side of the street is most chilly
D A car Celeste modified gains speed
E Delete Part 2 from long, long tale
F Correspondence carried by returning Israeli-Americans
G Supreme Being in photo for credit card
H Woe is me; map book omits third of Antarctica
I Simba attacked poet's feet
J National Park Service's chief, after scream: "That hurts mood"
K Carmen, for one, braided a rope
L Before competing, marathoners may load these right inside vehicles
M Someone's face experience?!
N The most modern home accommodates our group
O Um, excellent grades you say? Surprise!
P Mythical land in a satirical novel is "Nowhere" misspelled
Q Twenty boxes ... hmm ... with nothing for a copier
R OK's humorist Will

DOWN

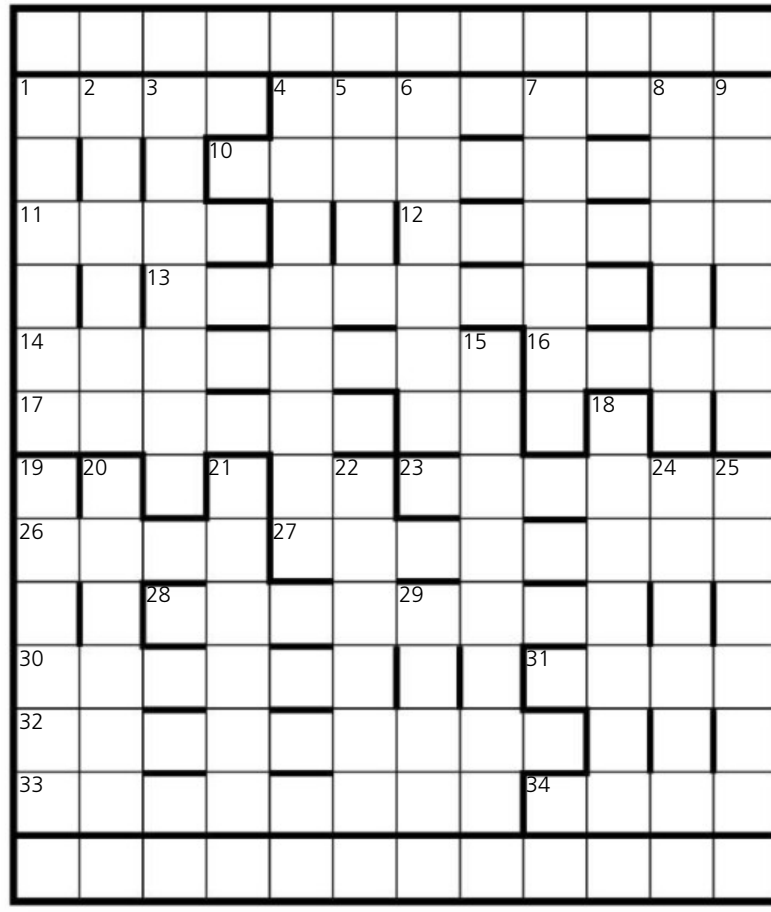
1 An evil punk chasing Jack with a spear (7)
2 Revise manual for graduate (6)
3 California cloned old tree cultivated for chocolate (5)
4 Like some teacups with revolutionary sealers (7)
5 Through Twitter, Bill served up musical texts (8)
6 Artist's stand doesn't close facility (4)
7 Equipment for a band camp—25% off the top (3)
8 Check uranium ban (4)
9 Middle-schooler's grade school uniform (5)
10 Unsightly and often embarrassing condition of balconies, oddly ignored (4)
11 Irked, Zimbabwe's leader rejected WWII-era fighter planes (5)
12 Steal small absorbent cloth (5)
13 Too heavy, some cheeseboards flipped over (5)
14 Unfortunately, Doris, CPR is what all skydivers need sooner or later (3,5)
15 Associate of a criminal type (7)
16 Tennessee's stores maintain pubs (7)
17 Chapel openly offering to wed without ceremony (5)
18 Honor a colonial silversmith (6)
19 Substitute for two unknowns in an equation (5)
20 They say drink destroys a fearsome creature (1,3)
21 In Germany, yes, severely criticize an Axis member (5)
22 Lass left truck, hiked (4)
23 Call Vermont resort noted for sports involving snow pack (4)
24 Elected official cut short voting (3)

STRIKEOUTS

BY RON SWEET

Each row and column contains one square in which the Across and Down answers conflict. In each case, strike out that square with an X and move one of the conflicting letters to the top row, and the other to the bottom (you have to decide which goes where). When done correctly, each of the two outer rows will contain a phrase describing the conflicting squares.

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ACROSS

1 Cardiologist displays heart (4)
4 Ships truck parts—lots (8)
10 P.S.: Never do twisting and cause ends not to meet (9)
11 Gem starts to oxidize, potentially adding luster (4)
12 Chemical compound is more unstable (6)
13 Prohibit unruly kids near East London neighborhood (8)
14 Assigned total returning to Kennedy (8)
16 Newspaper exec gets 50% margin (4)
17 Director Burton goes back after that lady, one who "wants to be alone" (6)
23 Actually, murder denied (6)
26 Astronaut obviously provides means of transportation (4)
27 Certain cement worker left blushing society girl with me (8)
28 My soap is fomenting discussions (8)
30 Penetrate section, maintaining resistance (6)
31 Finally going to basketball playoff game (4)
32 United Nations stand-in, expected first of December, is still running wild (9)
33 Stiffened shaky cart in lean-to (8)
34 Send me back my television award (4)

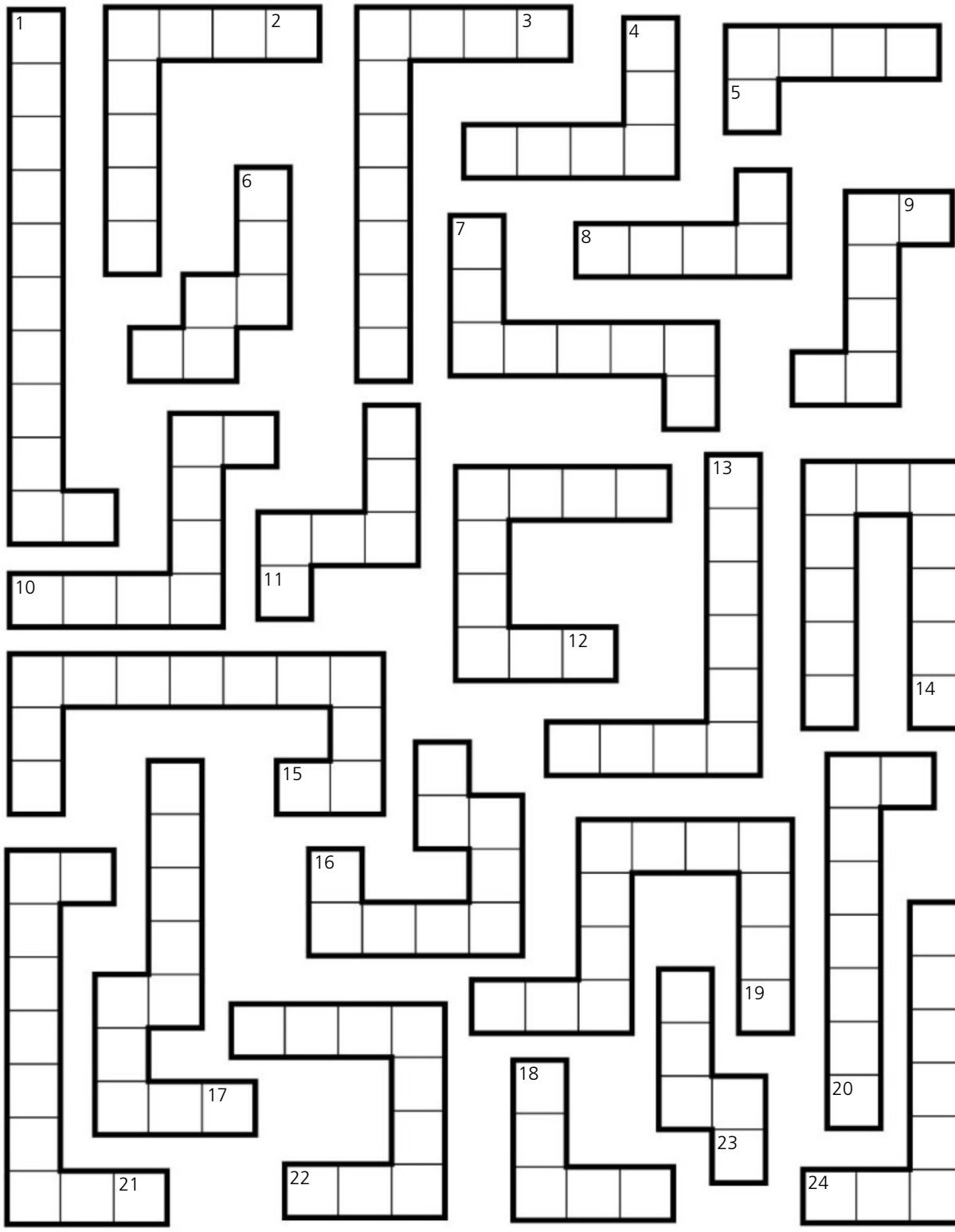
DOWN

1 Progress finally overcoming bad throw (6)
2 Rapidly consume one new hot drink (6)
3 Small shelves in rural outbuildings (7)
4 Occurrence I'd initially expected just before sunset (8)
5 Smell from three kumquats (4)
6 One's holding stand for flowers (6)
7 Turn right after base address for highest point (6)
8 Strange green fork is source of power (6)
9 Waiter split without regular's tip (6)
15 Hated document covering trial (8)
18 Unfortunately, boredom in the boudoir (7)
19 California military police on American University grounds (6)
20 Old-fashioned one of five claims first of assets (6)
21 One who watches introduction to video? You're busted (6)
22 Get in the way of scamp, daredevil at heart (6)
24 Assemble mosaic, incorporating symbol (6)
25 Not well-insulated; dry around back (6)
29 100 excellent dogs running back in time (4)

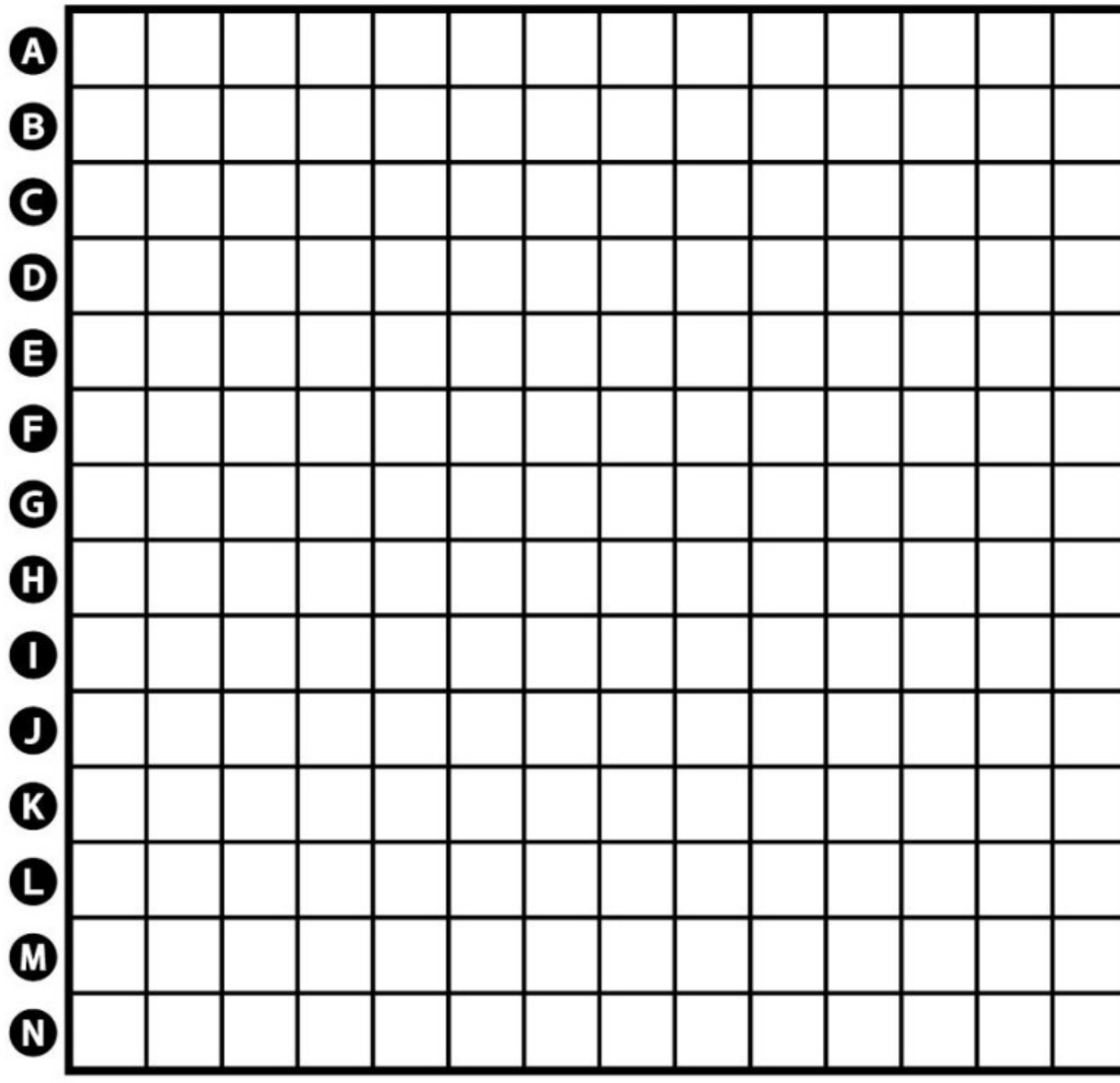
Some Assembly Required

Here's a real piece of work for you: a 14×14 grid of letters has been chopped up into puzzle pieces, and it's up to you to reassemble it. The answer to each numbered clue should be placed in the corresponding numbered piece, one letter per square, starting in the numbered square. Each row (A-N) in the "tray" contains the answers to two clues, placed side by side. (The clues are given in order, but it's up to you to determine the dividing point between answers.) Use the Row answers and the pieces' unique shapes to determine the proper location of each piece within the tray. You won't need to overlap or rotate any of the pieces. Correctly placed, the 24 pieces will completely fill the tray.

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BY PATRICK BERRY



PIECES

1 Made one's nightly rounds?
2 Unwanted clause remover: 2 wds.
3 Self-love taken to extremes
4 Halvah ingredient
5 Shut out
6 Ally of Hollywood
7 Minuscule distance unit used to measure wavelengths
8 Jiffy
9 Made-to-order
10 Matrons of Milan
11 English chap's assent
12 She played Margie on *My Little Margie*: 2 wds.
13 "Year of the Cat" singer: 2 wds.
14 1990 Robin Williams comedy set at a car dealership: 2 wds.
15 Large body of water northwest of Winnipeg: 2 wds.
16 How grovelers apologize
17 Person with many issues?
18 FDR's fireside chat medium
19 Carnival shows with wee performers: 2 wds.
20 Most given to daydreaming
21 Popular potluck dishes
22 Breathers on road trips: 2 wds.
23 Big revolver
24 Realistic, as a story: Hyph.

ROWS

A Parcel out
2002 film about Irish immigrants to the U.S.: 2 wds.
B Cheat sheets
Engine housing
C Games winner
Victory-wreath source
D Humiliates
Lets up a bit: 2 wds.
E Ecological slots
Badge of office
F Spreading like ivy
Leisurely walk
G Actor Max von ___
Every so often
H Grammy-winning Young MC song of 1989: 3 wds.
"Look at me" gait
I To a significant degree
"The Velvet Fog": 2 wds.
J Grovel before: 2 wds.
Burger joint freebie
K Talked despite having laryngitis
Bone of contention: 2 wds.
L Like hip-huggers and go-go boots
Airplanes' bodies
M Single-celled organism
Keep within limits
N Part of LED
Beats 100 to nothing, say

Family Reunions

BY REGIS MODESTA

Change each group of 10 words below into a "family" of different words (words or proper names that have something in common) by dropping one letter from each word and then rearranging the remaining letters. For example, given the entries HAUNT, HAIRDO, and ADVANCE, you could drop the N from HAUNT to get UTAH, drop the R from HAIRDO for IDAHO, and drop the C from ADVANCE to get NEVADA, all in the category "U.S. states." Can you reunite each family by determining the category for each and unscrambling the 10 entries? Answers are all single words or names. If you need help getting started, a list of the four categories appears on page 75.

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FAMILY ONE

Category: _____

1. BATHE _____
2. MACING _____
3. PURSES _____
4. SKIING _____
5. SPARKLE _____
6. CUTICLES _____
7. SIGNPOST _____
8. SOUTHERN _____
9. UNTHREAD _____
10. INCLASPED _____

FAMILY TWO

Category: _____

1. BUST _____
2. DEBT _____
3. GOLD _____
4. ALIEN _____
5. CREAK _____
6. ODDITY _____
7. STAPLE _____
8. PREPPIE _____
9. TOPCOAT _____
10. PRESSING _____

FAMILY THREE

Category: _____

1. MOTOR _____
2. MASTER _____
3. CARDINAL _____
4. FUMAROLE _____
5. GREETING _____
6. ADVERBIAL _____
7. INFRACTOR _____
8. NONEXEMPT _____
9. TOTAQUINE _____
10. PIANOFORTE _____

FAMILY FOUR

Category: _____

1. ENVY _____
2. AUNTY _____
3. DRANK _____
4. POESY _____
5. ROGUE _____
6. BUTLER _____
7. PERUSE _____
8. RADIAN _____
9. UNIPOD _____
10. COLLARD _____

Sound Mix

BY WILL SHORTZ

Each of the words and phrases below consists of the letters of two homophones (words pronounced the same but spelled differently) scrambled together. For example, the phrase VIVA ANNE! can be rearranged to get the words VAIN and VANE. Sound thinkers should be able to get at least 18 of the 25 pairs of homophones.

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Ex. VIVA ANNE! VAIN/VANE

1. HAIRIER _____

2. OILED LID _____

3. SAW UP APES _____

4. MET HIM YET _____

5. GOOD-HUED _____

6. TOUCH THOSE _____

7. SOCCER PRO _____

8. IDI'S HEDGES _____

9. IN A RINGER _____

10. RARE NUN _____

11. A LITTLE A _____

12. TRACTOR RACE _____

13. CAPPED A SET _____

14. I GET HEAT _____

15. SAY PERSPIRE _____

16. YE HANG IN _____

17. WOKEN SONS _____

18. O, I'LL ERR QUICK _____

19. CIRCUS SEWER _____

20. A WHITE TWIG _____

21. AHA FOR OPRAH _____

22. ELLEN ON LOCKER _____

23. WOULD LOAD ALE _____

24. FEARS SHARPY _____

25. HAIL SMART ALARM _____

FOLD THIS PAGE

The World's Most Ornery Crossword

BY HARVEY ESTES

Pencil Me In

The crossword on this and the next two pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." First, fold this page back on the dashed line so the clues below face the solving grid on page 69. If you use only the Hard Clues (appearing below and continuing under the grid), you'll find the puzzle uncommonly challenging. If you want help, or prefer a less severe challenge, open to the Easy Clues (tucked in beneath your fold on page 68).

Hard Clues

ACROSS

1 How it may all turn out, optimistically
11 Flight component
20 Base lullaby
24 In the first place
25 Traveler's helper
26 "___ Need Is You"
27 1953 Tennessee Williams play
28 Heed
29 Comic-book sound effect
30 Start of a Tony Bennett title
31 Carry on
32 Word after fire, water, or shock
33 ___-mutton
34 Brawl souvenirs
37 Charles II's mistress ___ Gwyn
38 San Rafael's county
39 Like some leads
43 ___ about
44 Auth. unknown
48 Bacon piece
51 Breach
52 Lush
53 Tyrannical type
54 Social equalizer
57 Forbidding
59 "For unto us a child is born" source
61 They go astray
63 "Start working already!"
64 Miles Archer's partner
67 Applies Ban, maybe
68 Harness the sun's energy
69 Hit, once
70 Movie theater sign
72 Filter
74 Meet competitor
75 Stable females
76 Almost made it
81 Croquet venues
84 Land on the Caspian
85 *La Bohème* heroine
86 Esther of *Maude*
87 *The Little Mermaid* prince
88 Alexander Graham Bell, at birth
92 Developer's purchase
93 Neglect
94 Miss Brooks's portrayer
95 *Alice* waitress
96 Do roadwork
97 Brand
98 Zola novel
99 Hollered
100 Environs
101 Uniform
102 Flat sign
103 Hangs in there
105 The Wilson sisters' band
106 Terrace
110 Sow's opposite
112 Ms. McEntire
113 Wasted gas
114 Horizontal answers
117 Unaccompanied performance
122 It may have a big spoiler
124 Supplied sparingly
125 Set up
127 Dress down
128 Feeling
129 Still in the glass
130 Four roods
133 Sidewalk stand wares
134 Above-ground network
135 A little time off?
137 Lid problem
138 Start of a hypocritical saying
139 Stationer's supply
140 Franklin, religiously
142 Muck
145 Exchanged cross words
148 City south of Moscow
149 Thrust producer
154 Early dog star
155 Wishful words
160 Weathercock
161 Magnetic iron ore
162 Dry
164 Luncheon ender
165 Suddenly
166 Hairy crawlers
167 Balance
168 1960 chart-topper for Mark Dinning
169 Tune from *Tapestry*

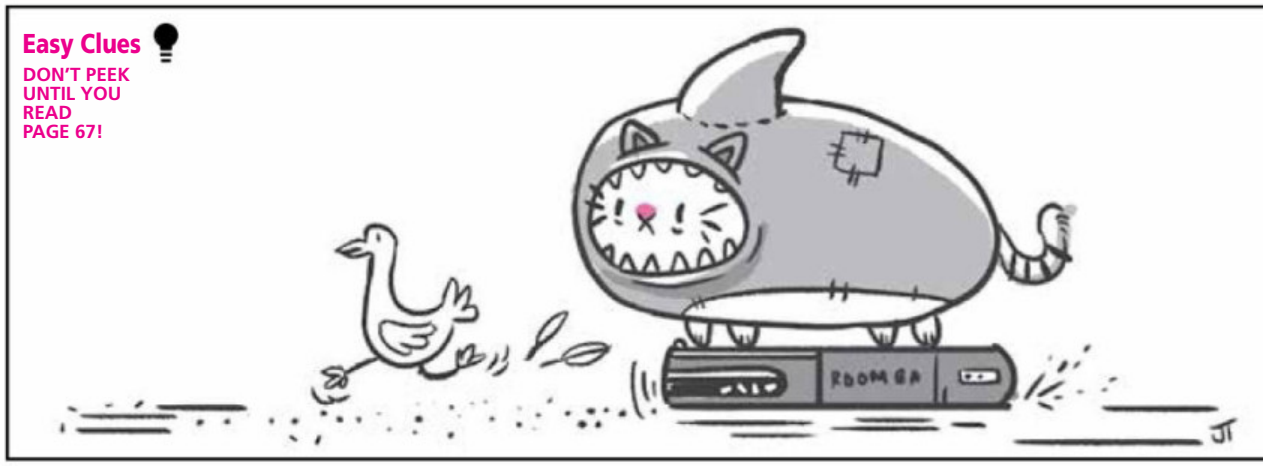
DOWN

1 Ellipse's pair
2 Articulated
3 Winter coat
4 Payday cry
5 Tips
6 Bowie collaborator
7 Except for
8 Rigby of song
9 Fawned
10 President who annexed Texas
11 Battle memento
12 Shopping convenience
13 Colony dwellers
14 Trapped under frozen precipitation
15 Washer cycle
16 Colony dwellers
17 Adversities
18 *Ghostbusters* role

The World's Most Ornery Crossword (continued)

Easy Clues

DON'T PEEK UNTIL YOU READ PAGE 67!

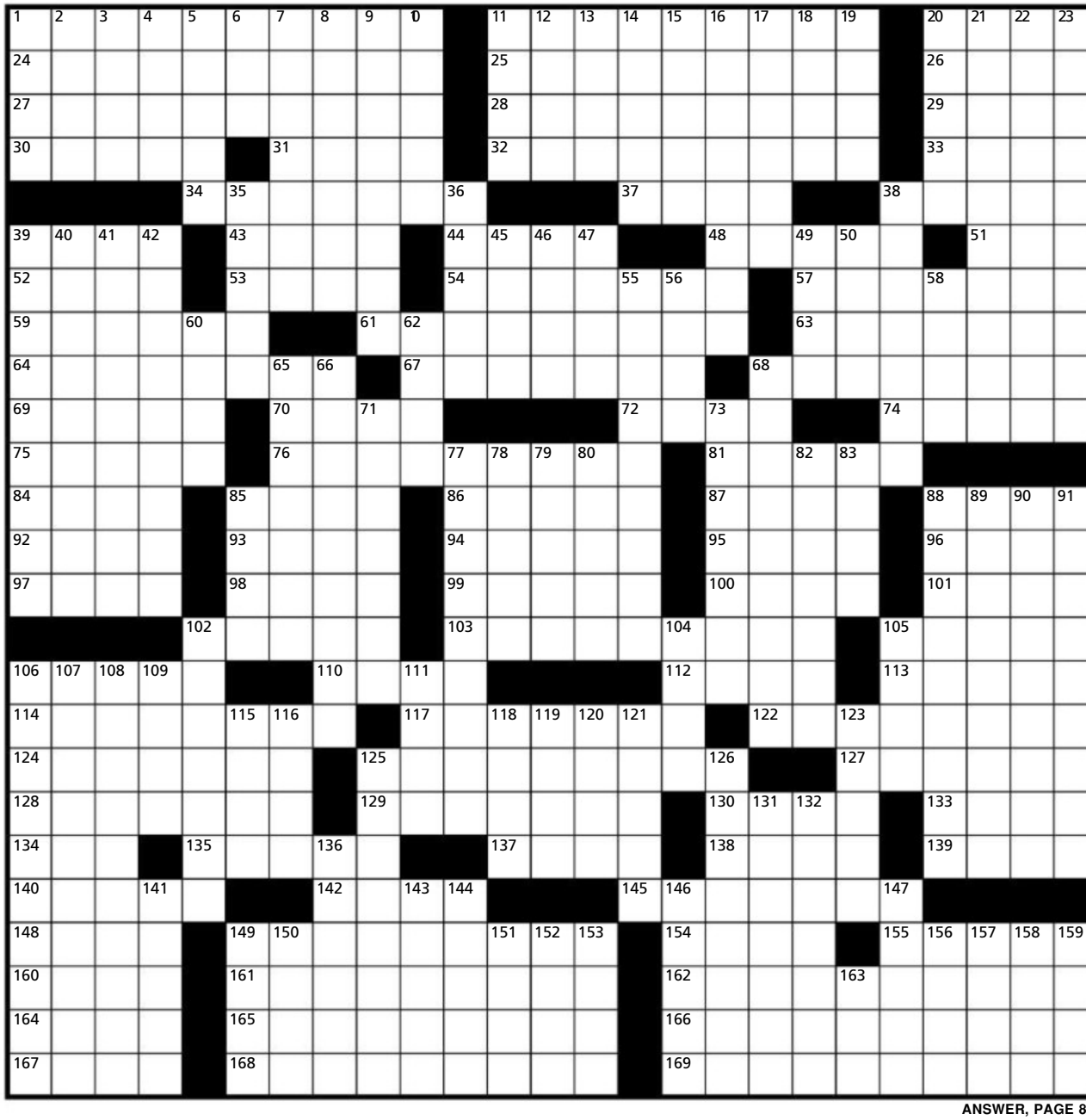


ACROSS

1 To an ultimate advantage: 3 wds.
11 Escalator part
20 Faucets
24 At first
25 Hotel staffer
26 "___ want for Christmas…": 2 wds.
27 Tennessee Williams play: 2 wds.
28 "Stand up straight, soldier!"
29 Cartoon explosion sound
30 "___ My Heart in San Francisco": 2 wds.
31 Glowing review
32 Stain-___ (like some carpets)
33 Kid's building brick
34 Black eyes
37 Dudley Do-Right's gal
38 Cheech of Cheech and Chong
39 Meager, as pickings
43 ___ about (approximately): 2 wds.
44 In a bit
48 Part of many a college application
51 Hiatus
52 Skid row denizen
53 Fairy tale meanie
54 Bulldozer, at times
57 Unadorned
59 Book before Jeremiah
61 They go off course
63 "Don't just stand there!": 3 wds.
64 Bogart's role in *The Maltese Falcon*: 2 wds.
67 Is applied like some deodorants: 2 wds.
68 Use the sun's energy
69 Struck, Biblically
70 Off-ramp
72 Trickle through the cracks
74 Andretti's auto
75 Former fillies
76 Approached; 2 wds.
81 Green expanses
84 Tehran's land
85 Drew Carey's antagonist
86 Esther of *Good Times*
87 Guitarist Clapton
88 Dundee dude
92 Building location
93 Leave out
94 *Our Miss Brooks* star Eve
95 Wedding gown designer Wang
96 Repair roads
97 Burn slightly
98 Grandma
99 Turned on the waterworks
100 Length times width
101 Like a tied score
102 Sign outside a vacant flat: 2 wds.
103 Continues to try: 3 wds.
105 Valentine's Day symbol
106 Cookout venue
110 Use a sickle
112 Country singer McEntire
113 Ran without moving
114 Around half of the answers in this puzzle
117 One-man show: 2 wds.
122 Two-door model, often: 2 wds.
124 Supplied sparingly
125 Found, as a company
127 Rebuke severely
128 Able to feel
129 Not toppled, as a glass of milk
130 Farm unit
133 Citrus drinks
134 Above-ground trains
135 GI's time off, briefly: 3 wds.
137 Eyelid ailment
138 "___ I say, not…": 2 wds.
139 Bic products
140 Believer in an indifferent God
142 Move like the Blob
145 Had a minor quarrel
148 1988 Cy Young Award winner Hershiser
149 Blade on a helicopter
154 Nick and Nora's dog
155 "___ you're satisfied!": 2 wds.
160 Rustic roof topper
161 Magnetic mineral
162 Elbow-bender's opposite
164 Diminutive suffix
165 En masse: 3 wds.
166 Hairy arachnids
167 Remainder
168 #1 hit by Mark Dinning (1960): 2 wds.
169 #1 hit by Carole King (1971): 3 wds.

DOWN

1 Centers of attention
2 By word of mouth
3 Frosty covering
4 End-of-the-week cry
5 Vague suggestions
6 Roxy Music's Brian
7 Excluding
8 FDR's first lady
9 Drooled
10 Mary ___ Moore
11 Lasting mark
12 Big bag
13 Wee colony dwellers
14 Strand, winter-style: 2 wds.
15 Get the suds out
16 Homesteaders
17 Court events
18 *Ghostbusters* scientist Spengler
19 Bottled (up)
20 Small Indian drum
21 Causing a rash, maybe
22 Steal another author's work
23 Disciple who became the first Pope: 2 wds.
35 Uproar: Hyph.
36 Round of fire
38 "Good heavens!": 2 wds.
39 Big name in hot cocoa: 2 wds.
40 Elvis Presley's daughter: 2 wds.
41 Lady love
42 Wet sponge, e.g.
45 "Cherry, Cherry" singer Diamond
46 President's office shape
47 Takes home after taxes
49 Kind of palm
50 *The Clan of the Cave Bear* author Jean
55 Unfinished business: 2 wds.
56 Marine eagle
58 When tripled, an old war cry
60 Jungle swingers
62 Art Deco designer
65 Dewey ___ System
66 IRS agents
68 Barbecue dish: 2 wds.
71 Copy
73 Give a promotion to
77 Oddballs
78 Peter who played Mr. Moto
79 Tune like 168-Across
80 Catch some Z's
82 Bug a phone
83 Final Four letters
85 Prefix for gram, rail, or tone
88 Hidden-radar road section: 2 wds.
89 Procession
90 Pigged out
91 Muumuu kin: 2 wds.
102 Initially: 2 wds.
104 Painting and sculpture, for two
105 Add to the staff
106 Skipped: 2 wds.
107 Pick up the pace
108 Drifters
109 Charged particles
111 Part of AARP: Abbr.
115 ___ precedent: 2 wds.
116 Genesis garden
118 Track circuits
119 Postmortem bio
120 Friendly nation
121 Uses as a reference
123 Not just chubby
125 Spaniard or Swede, e.g.
126 Settled into chairs: 3 wds.
131 Securing pins
132 Sound of a sharp knock: Hyph.
136 Scribble on scrap paper
141 Come down hard?
143 Saltine brand
144 Grammy-winning musician John
146 Page or LuPone
147 "Same here!"
149 Surveyor's map
150 Actor's quest
151 Time-consuming
152 Suffix with prefer or refer
153 Rod attachment
156 Thieves' take
157 Earthenware pot
158 Bog material
159 Scots Gaelic
163 Artist Yoko



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Hard Clues (continued)

19 Cooped (up)
20 Indian drum
21 Causing a reaction
22 Rip off another's words
23 New Testament fisherman
35 Stir
36 Barrage
38 "Goodness gracious!"
39 Cocoa brand
40 The King's daughter
41 Beatrice, to Dante
42 Envelope-sealing aid
45 One of the Bush sons
46 Almond-shaped
47 Clears
49 Starchy stuff
50 *The Mammoth Hunters* author
55 Unresolved details
56 Coastal flier
58 When tripled, a WWII movie title
60 Mimics
62 *Symphony in Black* artist
65 Number with a point
66 IRS workers
68 BBQ favorite
71 Parrot
73 Hike
77 Eccentrics
78 *Casablanca* costar
79 "Under the Boardwalk," e.g.
80 Hypnotist's command
82 Listen unseen
83 SEC overseer
85 Like early recordings
88 Cop's hangout
89 Best Picture winner of 1933
90 Gorged
91 Loose-fitting garment
102 Initially
104 Part of B.A.
105 Engage
106 Ignored
107 Step on the gas
108 They're just passing through
109 Some Saturns
111 Org.
115 Stiff hair
116 Pre-Fall abode
118 Swimmer's regimen
119 End note?
120 Cohort
121 References
123 Well-padded
125 Pole, e.g.
126 Used chairs
131 Securing pins
132 Machine gun noise
136 Draw idly
141 Winter hazard
143 Cracker brand
144 John of pop
146 Page of music
147 Copycat's comment
149 ___ du jour (daily special)
150 Balboa, for Stallone
151 Drawn-out
152 Noun suffix
153 Sway
156 Spoils
157 Earthen vessel
158 Moor fuel
159 Hebrides language
163 The Plastic ___ Band

ANSWERS

3 CAMOUFLAGE

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5 PENCIL POINTERS 1

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6 EAGER WEAVER

1. Potassium
2. Spaghetti
3. Trademark
4. Boulevard
5. Eavesdrop
6. Orchestra
7. Botanical
8. Interview
9. Falsehood
10. Armadillo

6 DON'T JUST STAND THERE

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4 MIXED DOUBLES

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Clue pairs:
Across: 1/16, 2/18, 3/11, 4/22, 5/17, 6/13, 7/8, 8/7, 9/15, 10/20, 11/3, 12/19, 13/6, 14/21, 15/9, 16/1, 17/5, 18/2, 19/12, 20/10, 21/14, 22/4

Down: 1/17, 2/21, 3/10, 4/20, 5/16, 6/22, 7/9, 9/7, 8/19, 10/3, 11/18, 12/13, 13/12, 14/23, 15/24, 16/5, 17/1, 18/11, 19/8, 20/4, 21/2, 22/6, 23/14, 24/15

7 TO THE NINES

PUZZLE 1

1. DEDUCTION
2. SCHOOLBOY
3. INCUBATOR
4. HERBIVORE
5. SOLITAIRE
6. COURTYARD
7. DIPLOMACY
8. HARMONICA
9. STOPLIGHT

"Don't clap too hard, it's a very old building"–John Osborne

PUZZLE 2

1. PENTHOUSE
2. BOULEVARD
3. PERISCOPE
4. EMBROIDER
5. ARMISTICE
6. SCARECROW
7. TRADEMARK
8. EUPHEMISM
9. MACINTOSH

"Promises and pie crust are made to be broken."–Jonathan Swift

ANSWERS

8 KID STUFF: FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

HOUSE	WORK	BOOK	WORM	SIDE	KICK	OFF	SET
FLY	PAPER	BACK	HOLE	WAY	WORK	HAND	BAG
LIFT	WEIGHT	GROUND	WATER	PARK	BRIDGE	SPRING	PIPE
OUT	WASH	HOG	SHED	BALL	FOOT	STEP	LINE
DOOR	HORSE	SAW	DUST	POINT	TENDER	SISTER	UP
STOP	OVER	SEE	PAN	HANDLE	BAR	COACH	STAGE
WATCH	OFF	SIDE	CAKE	WOOD	WIND	MAN	POWER
BAND	STAND	WALK	OUT	BOX	MILL	MAD	HOUSE

9 KID STUFF: CLASSROOM CAPER

We found 13 errors: **1)** The addition on the blackboard is incorrect. **2)** The United States map is upside down. **3)** The teacher is pointing with an umbrella. **4)** The S and T in the alphabet banner are reversed. **5)** The clock has two minute hands. **6)** The teacher's chair has only three legs. **7)** The boy at the front of the room is sharpening a pen. **8)** The teacher is wearing two different types of shoes. **9)** The desk in the middle of the front row has a table setting on it. **10)** The desk on the right in the front row has an animal foot as a leg. **11)** The boy on the left in the back row is facing the wrong way. **12)** The middle desk in the back row has a phone on it. **13)** The book on the desk at the right in the back row opens the wrong way.

10 TWO-FOR-ONE

The eight trios are:

22, 17, 1 (court – o + rain – r = curtain)
2, 18, 13 (serape – a + ant – a = serpent)
5, 15, 3 (comb – b + punter – n = computer)
4, 19, 23 (beaver – a + page – p = beverage)
12, 6, 14 (deck – k + antler – l = decanter)
8, 16, 26 (racket – k + crack – c = racetrack)
10, 25, 20 (hamper – h + stand – t = ampersand)
11, 21, 24 (pear – r + clock – l = peacock)

The message spelled out by the leftover pictures is CONGRATS (conga – a + rafts – f).

12 QUOTE BOXES

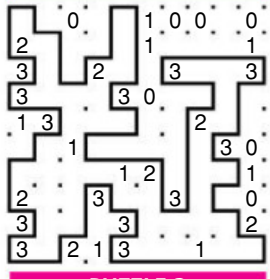
1. Laws are spider webs through which the big flies pass and the little ones get caught. (Honoré de Balzac)

2. In a world that is changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks. (Mark Zuckerberg)

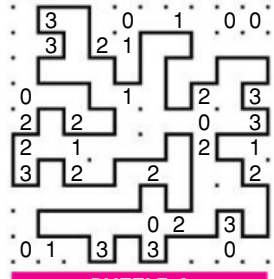
3. One of the most courageous things you can do is identify yourself, know who you are, what you believe in and where you want to go. (Sheila Murray Bethel)

13 SLITHERLINK

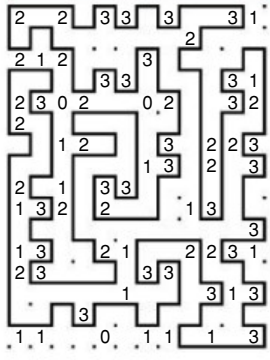
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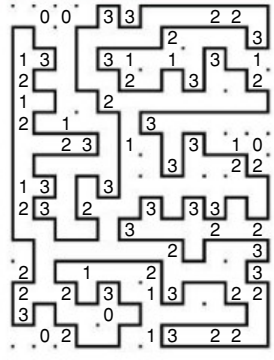
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PUZZLE 3



PUZZLE 4



14 FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT

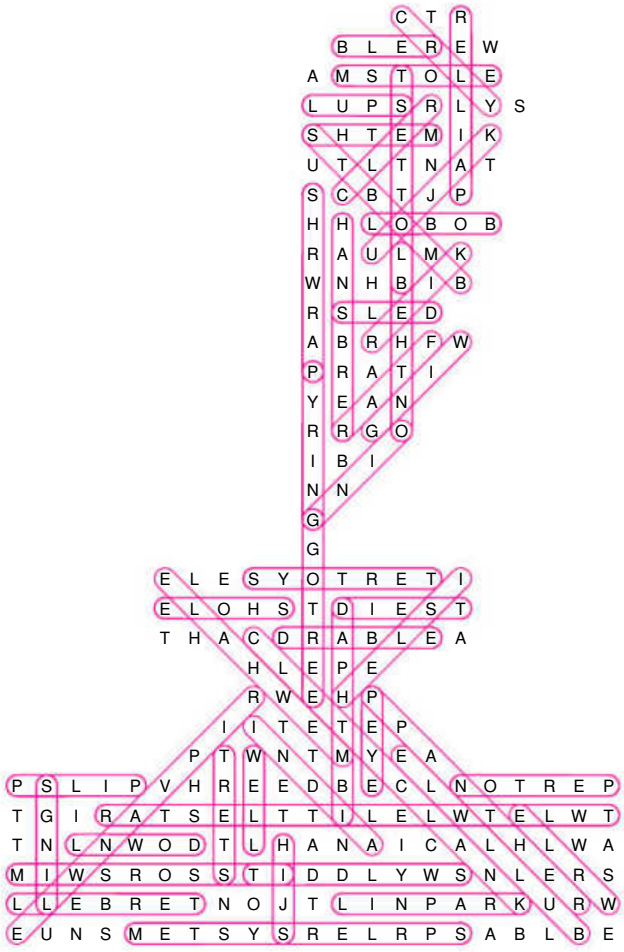
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16 SOLITAIRE HANGMAN

I. DECORUM
II. MISCELLANY
III. BACKGAMMON
IV. KANGAROO
V. CALCIUM
VI. TRUCULENT
VII. COEXIST
VIII. PONYTAIL
IX. UNWORLDLY
X. JUBILANT
XI. AMPHIBIOUS
XII. PTARMIGAN

ANSWERS

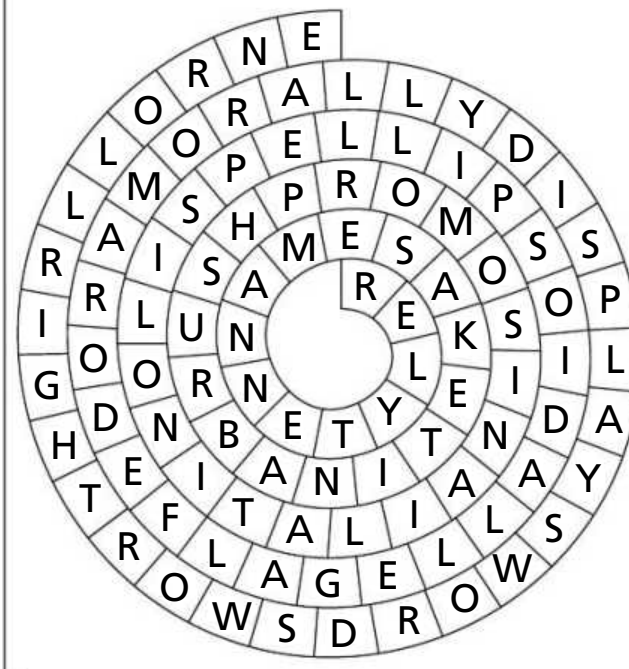
15 DISAPPEARING INK



18 PENCIL POINTERS 2

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19 THE SPIRAL



20 SHELF HELP

The five people are: Patrick, the person whose last name is Garner, the person who used the "Line Designs" paper, the person who covered bedroom shelves, and the person whose last name is Lynch (1). The person who covered the bedroom shelves isn't Carmichael (4) or Schweitzer (7); Kirby covered the bedroom shelves. Schweitzer didn't use "Line Designs" paper (3), so Carmichael did. By elimination, Schweitzer is Patrick. Kirby didn't use "Autumn Leaves" paper (2), "Cuddly Critters" (4), or "Cherry Blossoms" (7); Kirby used "By the Sea." The person who used "Cherry Blossoms" isn't Lynch (5) or Schweitzer (7); Garner used it. Rosanna isn't Carmichael (4) or Kirby or Garner (6); her last name is Lynch. The person who papered the shelves in the den wasn't Lynch or Garner (5) or Patrick (9), so Carmichael covered shelves in the den. The bathroom shelves weren't the project for Rosanna or for Garner (6); Patrick did his bathroom shelves. He didn't use "Autumn Leaves" (2), so he used "Cuddly Critters." By elimination, Rosanna used "Autumn Leaves." The kitchen shelves weren't covered with "Autumn Leaves" (8), so they were covered with "Cherry Blossoms." By elimination, Rosanna covered shelves in her utility room (intro). Maude didn't work on her kitchen (8) or her bedroom (2); she covered shelves in her den. Doug didn't use "Cherry Blossoms" (10), so he used "By the Sea," and, by elimination, Andrea is Garner.

In summary:

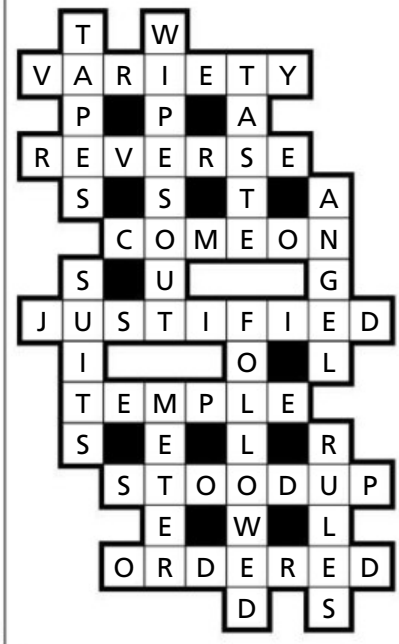
Andrea Garner	"Cherry Blossoms"	kitchen
Doug Kirby	"By the Sea"	bedroom
Maude Carmichael	"Line Designs"	den
Patrick Schweitzer	"Cuddly Critters"	bathroom
Rosanna Lynch	"Autumn Leaves"	utility room

ANSWERS

21 SHOWTIME

R	A	S	H	■	■	F	L	U	S	■	D	E	V	I	S	E
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22 MIXED TRIPLES

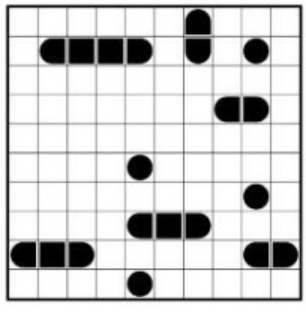


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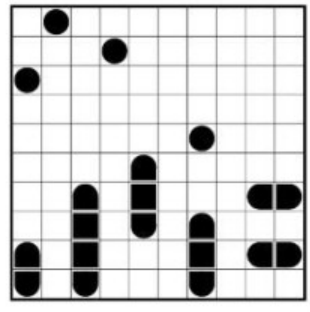
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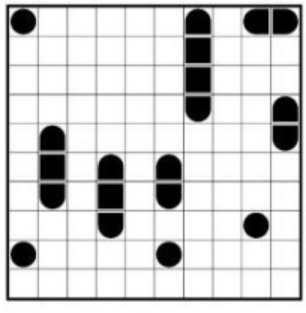
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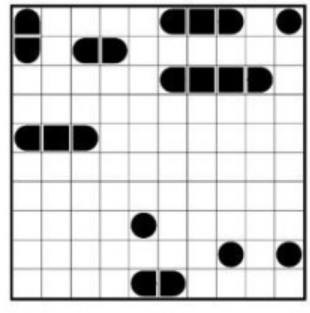
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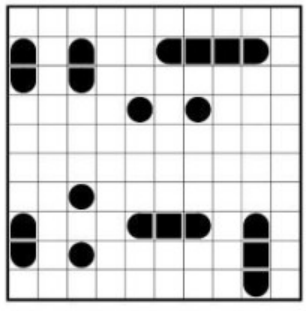
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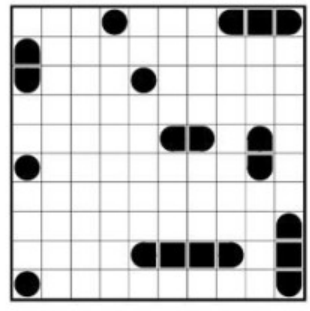
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5 COMMODORE



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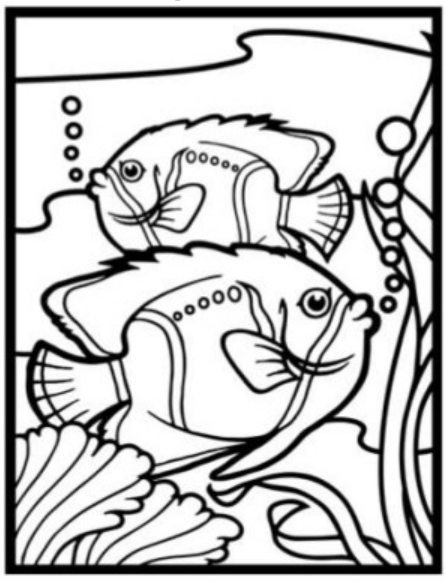


24 TEST YOUR TRIVIA I.Q.

1. False—Cymbeline is, for example.
2. True
3. True—it's the birth name of Gerald Ford.
4. False—Sagittarius is the Archer; Capricorn is the Goat.
5. True (by about 6.6 million square miles to 5.4 million square miles)
6. False
7. True (That year, Leonardo was 48 and Michelangelo was 25.)
8. False (It was first reached in 1911, but by a Norwegian team led by Roald Amundsen.)
9. True (although a minority of centipedes have more than 300 legs)
10. True (a cello, a viola, and two violins)
11. b
12. b
13. c
14. b (*Kill Bill* was its own two-part film.)
15. b
16. a
17. c
18. c (Derek 6, Julianne 2)
19. b
20. a
21. b (Dwight D. Eisenhower vs. Adlai Stevenson)
22. d
23. c
24. a
25. a
26. c (Forty-nine were discovered then. Most of the others—there are now over 100—were discovered in the 18th and 20th centuries, though some have been known since ancient times.)
27. b
28. a (The Boston Red Sox won in 2004, 2007, 2013, and lost none. The Yankees are 1–2, winning in 2009 but losing in 2001 and 2003; the Cardinals are 2–2, winning in 2006 and 2011 but losing in 2004 and 2013; and the Giants are 3–1, winning in 2010, 2012, and 2014 but losing in 2002.)
29. a (Howard is an aerospace engineer, not a PhD.)
30. c (There's a Chance card that takes a token there, the Go Back Three Spaces card can sometimes land a token there, and it's also 14 spaces from Jail, the most likely total of two rolls of a pair of dice.)

ANSWERS

26 ART ON THE SQUARE



38 YOUR WORD AGAINST MINE

SOME FIRST-TURN PUZZLERS

1. CHAMP (34 points)

2. Any of UNITY, IRONY, YOURN (24 points)

3. Either AUDIO or ADIEU (14 points). Exchanging tiles (0 points, keeping ED and grabbing 5 new tiles in place of the vowels) is fine too.

4. AIRTIME (74 points)

5. OPIUM is best (24 points), POLIO and POILU good too (20 points)

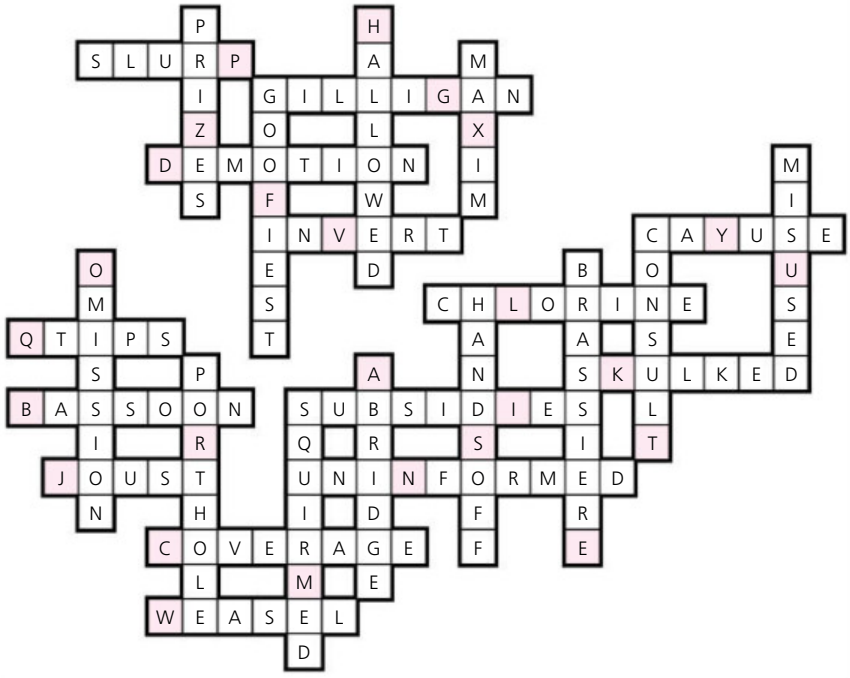
MOSTLY DEAD/SLIGHTLY ALIVE

There are many winning plays, most of which are common words:
A1 MEDIATOR (131 points)
A8 MAESTROS (143 points) and MONSTERA (143 points)
15A MORTGAGE (155 points) and ETHOGRAM (161 points)
15H TEMPORAL (174 points)
O8 ROOMMATE (161 points)
O1 REARMOST (131 points)
1H MONETARY (143 points), TONEARMS (143 points), ORNAMENT (143 points), TENORMAN (143 points)
1A TEAMWORK (195 points) – Scores most!

WORDS FROM WORDS

LASERED: DEALERS, LEADERS
SEPALED: PLEASED, ELAPSED
SWITHER: WITHERS, WRITHES
MERCADO: COMRADE, CAROMED
CORNUTO: CONTOUR, CROUTON
CORKIEST: ROCKIEST, STOCKIER
LASHINGS: HASSLING, SLASHING
NOCTUIDS: CONDUITS, DISCOUNT
DISENDOW: DISOWNED, DOWNSIDE
RHAMNOSE: HORSEMAN, MENORAHS

29 ALPHA BET



28 WORD HEXES

1. Preparatory
2. Eligibility
3. Arbitration
4. Nonchalance
5. Centerpiece
6. Underground
7. Electricity
8. Bibliophile
9. Necromancer
10. Contaminant
11. Firefighter
12. Cataclysmal
13. Lightweight
14. Concordance
15. Diminishing
16. Apatosaurus
17. Intentional
18. Desegregate
19. Proposition
20. Enchantment
21. Embroidered
22. Amalgamated
23. Nonexistent
24. Conspicuous
25. Spearheaded
26. Incoherence
27. Analyticity
28. Interviewer
29. Impertinent
30. Convocation

31 SEXTET

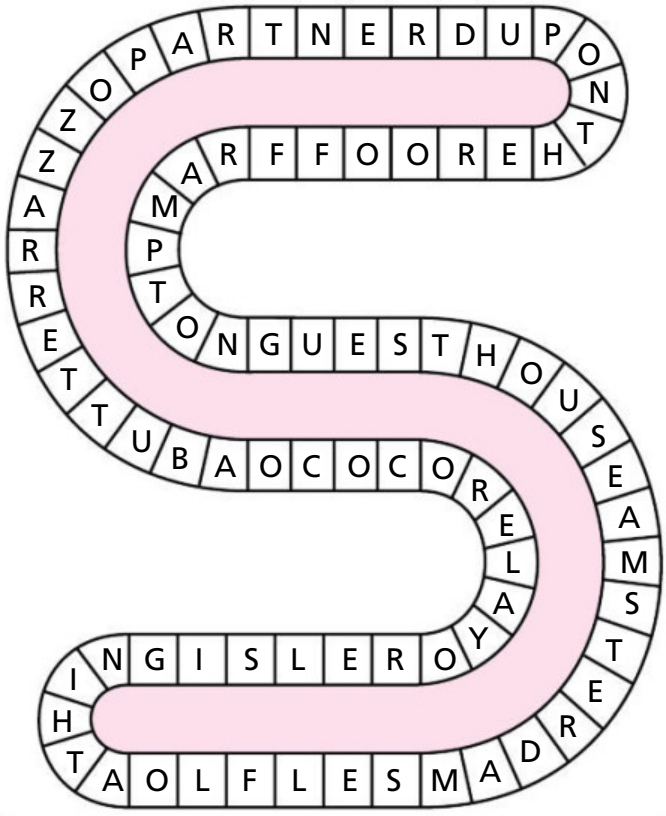
1. Toothache	**1.** Foolproof
2. Attaché	**2.** Propeller
3. Hatchet	**3.** Proffer
4. Cheetah	**4.** Reproof
5. Acetate	**5.** Ferrell
6. Toccata	**6.** Prefer
Extra: Cachet	**Extra:** People

1. Emmett	**1.** Teetotaler
2. Mullet	**2.** Tolerate
3. Lemuel	**3.** Tattletale
4. Lettuce	**4.** Lateral
5. Cutlet	**5.** Realtor
6. Mettle	**6.** Loretta
Extra: Tumult	**Extra:** Relate

1. Throughout	**1.** Oftener
2. Outthought	**2.** Forefront
3. Thorough	**3.** Toffee
4. Though	**4.** Torrent
5. Trough	**5.** Trenton
6. Grotto	**6.** Entrée
Extra: Rotgut	**Extra:** Effort

ANSWERS

30 SNAKE CHARMER



32 ONE, TWO, THREE

B	IM	MER	■	W	I	RE	S	■	LE	AD	PA	INT
LOO	M	ING	■	I	NGR	A	IN	■	GAL	VE	ST	ON
P	ORT	U	GUE	SEW	ATE	RDO	G	■	COU	NT	ER	ED
S	AL	E	RN	O	■	OR	LE	A	NS	■	■	■
■	■	■	SE	MAN	TIC	■	■	SP	EL	L	ER	S
HI	P	P	Y	■	K	AS	H	I	■	O	M	IT
G	ER	MAN	S	HOR	T	H	AI	RED	P	O	IN	TER
H	EAT	ER	■	S	OCK	E	T	■	IC	KIN	ES	S
S	ING	A	POR	E	■	■	I	CO	N	■	■	■
■	■	■	TIA	CAR	RE	RE	■	N	IC	E	S	T
RE	CON	SI	DER	■	ENG	LI	SH	COC	KER	SPA	NI	EL
PEA	T	M	OSS	■	A	CT	OU	T	■	NO	VEL	L
T	ORT	ON	I	■	GE	S	TAT	ION	■	L	ING	ER

14 FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT STARTING HINT

The first entry across is UN MOMENTO.

66 FAMILY REUNIONS CATEGORIES

Family One: NBA teams

Family Two: "Hot" followers

Family Three: Math terms

Family Four: World currency units

49 WILL SUDOKU

5 1	7 3	1 8	3 6	8 2	6 4	4 7	2 5
2 6	4 8	7 2	5 4	1 7	3 5	8 3	6 1
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ANSWERS

WILD CARDS

42 COMING OR GOING

Moving the first letter to the end of each word and reading the result backward yields the same word. There are only about 30 common words of five or more letters in the entire English language that have this property!

42 WEIGHTED DIAGONAL

1	1			
1	2	9	3	
1	2	4	4	8
	4	9	6	3
			8	8

42 ANAGRAMMATIC PAIRS

1. CABARET
2. RECOUNT
3. ARSENIC
4. DEPOSIT
5. TROUNCE
6. ENLARGE
7. UPSCALE
8. GENERAL
9. OCTUPLE
10. ARCSINE
11. COUPLET
12. DISCERN
13. EASTERN
14. DIALECT
15. EARNEST
16. CITADEL
17. BEARCAT
18. TOPSIDE
19. RESCIND
20. CAPSULE

The anagrammatic pairs are 1–17, 2–5, 3–10, 4–18, 6–8, 7–20, 9–11, 12–19, 13–15, and 14–16.

42 SIX MIX

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \\ \times\ 54 \\ \hline 162 \end{array}$$

43 AUNT HILDEGARDE

Aunt Hildegarde likes words having homophones: morning/mourning, earn/urn, pears/pares, etc.

43 A WHOLE LOT IN COMMON

All have two syllables (in English).

43 IN THE BEGINNING

The letters EX can be added to the beginning of each word to make a different word: EXCHANGE, EXPOSITION, EXAMPLE, EXHALE, EXTENT, EXPLAIN, EXTRACT, EXIT, EXACT, EXCITATION, EXPRESS, EXTEMPORARY.

43 SI?

SIA–3, "Chandelier" (2014 song) recording artist
SID–5, Ground sloth character in all four *Ice Age* films (2002, 2006, 2009, 2012)
SIF–6, Jaimie Alexander's character in the films *Thor* (2011) and *Thor: The Dark World* (2013)
SIL–4, Character played by Michelle Williams and Natasha Henstridge in *Species* (1995 film)
SIM–2, SimCity (1989 video game that has spawned many sequels)
SIN–1, *Sin City* (2005 film based on a Frank Miller graphic novel)
SIR–8, *To Sir, With Love* (1967 Sidney Poitier film)
SIX–7, Roger Cross's character on *Dark Matter* (2015 TV series)

50 GET A CLUE!



52 DOUBLE CROSS

A. RIHANNA
B. RESUME
C. OPINION
D. UNSHOD
E. SALT OF THE EARTH
F. ERIC STONESTREET
G. YORKSHIRE
H. MARK RUFFALO
I. YOU'RE THE TOP
J. FOMENT
K. INSTANT COFFEE
L. GEPPETTO
M. HOUSEKEEPER
N. TEEHEE
O. YELLOWCAKE
P. OVER THE RAINBOW
Q. UPSHOT
R. RUBBED
S. FETID
T. INEDIBLE
U. GLADIATOR
V. HEATH
W. THE HUNTER

In sports, there are rules that keep you safe. In life, there are rules that keep [you] from descending into total chaos. In both, there are rules that people make up to hide behind or for their own benefit. You have to be smart enough to know the difference.

—R(onda) Rousey, *My Fight/Your Fight*

ANSWERS

53 SIAMESE TWINS

P	L	A	Y	D	O	H	■	S	L	A	T	S
R	E	V	E	N	U	E	■	H	A	S	A	T
I	S	O	L	A	T	E	■	O	M	A	H	A
S	L	I	P	■	S	L	E	E	P	S	I	N
M	I	D	S	T	■	■	G	R	O	U	N	D
S	E	T	■	I	T	O	R	■	I	B	I	S
■	■	H	O	T	W	H	E	E	L	S	■	■
A	P	E	R	■	I	O	T	A	■	T	A	I
T	R	I	A	L	S	■	■	U	S	I	N	G
T	O	S	T	I	T	O	S	■	A	T	T	U
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N	E	U	R	O	■	I	D	E	A	T	E	S
D	R	E	S	S	■	T	A	N	N	E	R	S

F	R	I	S	B	E	E	■	S	P	I	T	S
L	A	T	E	R	A	L	■	M	A	N	I	C
O	F	S	O	R	T	S	■	I	N	T	R	O
O	A	H	U	■	S	A	N	T	A	H	A	T
D	E	A	L	S	■	■	O	S	M	E	N	T
S	L	R	■	N	E	O	N	■	A	M	A	S
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A	T	T	A	■	A	S	S	T	■	A	R	C
L	O	O	K	A	T	■	■	A	S	N	E	R
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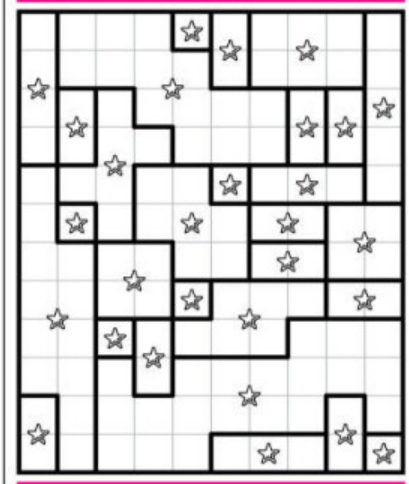
55 CODE CROSSWORDS

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U	N	I	T	E	■	A	L	L	E	V	I	A	T	E
C	■	G	■	N	■	M	■	■	■	O	■	N	■	S
K	I	S	M	E	T	■	■	B	A	T	H	O	S	■
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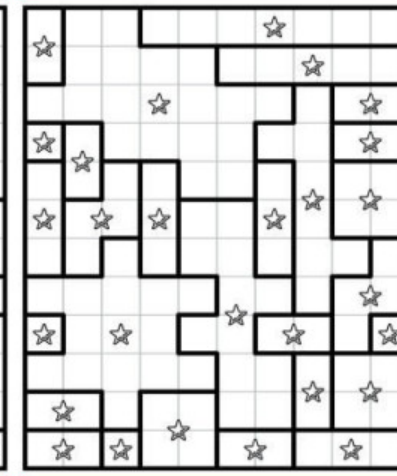
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54 GALAXIES

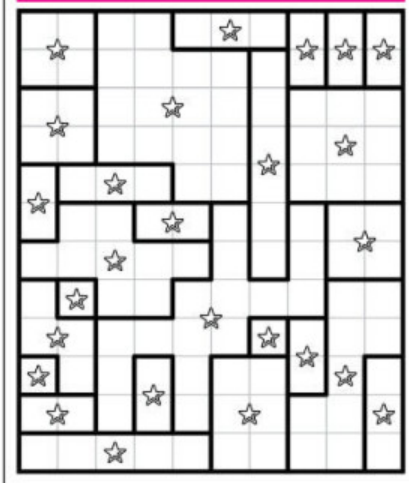
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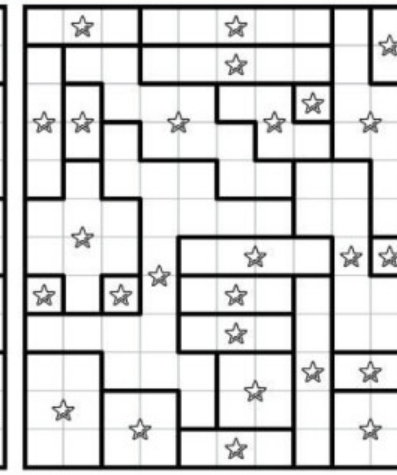
PUZZLE 2



PUZZLE 3



PUZZLE 4



29 ALPHA BET CLUE ANSWERS

1. maim; **2.** oust; **3.** slur; **4.** tips; **5.** cause; **6.** easel; **7.** inert; **8.** pries; **9.** as soon; **10.** bridge; **11.** consul; **12.** missed; **13.** sulked; **14.** allowed; **15.** chorine; **16.** emotion; **17.** Gillian; **18.** gooiest; **19.** hand-off; **20.** mission; **21.** overage; **22.** pothole; **23.** squired; **24.** brassier; **25.** subsides; **26.** uniformed

COVER CREATE-A-CLICHÉ

1. Still waters run deep.
2. Penny wise, pound foolish.
3. Great minds think alike.
4. Look before you leap.
5. Better safe than sorry.
6. The more the merrier.

36 EVERYBODY LOVES BERTHA MAY

Danny had 10 petunias.
Carl had 9 daisies.
Merle had 15 irises.
Starkey had 13 roses.

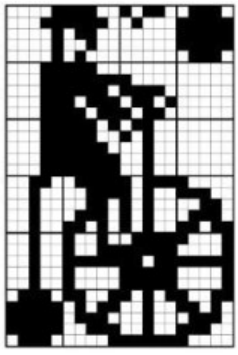
40 SOLE SURVIVOR

Black starts: Be5xc3, Bg7xc3, Qa5xc3, Qc7xc3, Rg5xg3, Qc3xg3

ANSWERS

56 PAINT BY NUMBERS

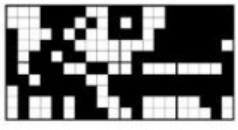
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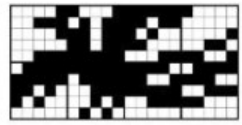
2 Yacht



3 Piano Player



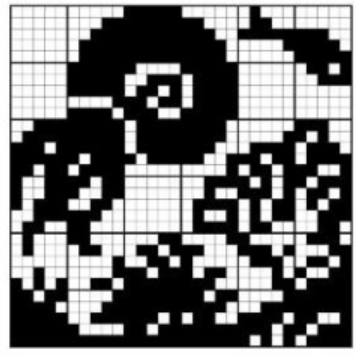
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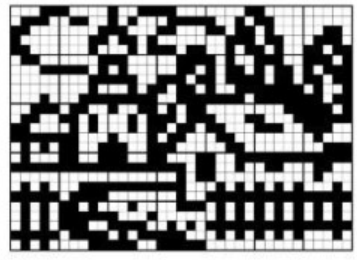
5 Jazz Singer



6 Sea Creatures



7 Village



8 Triceratops



60 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

ACROSS: 1. Side (Sid + E); **3.** Apparently (aren't + apply); **9.** Absorbent (absent + orb); **11.** Comet (me + cot); **12.** Endow (end + ow); **13.** Aliment (alit + men); **15.** Rangoon (ran + go on); **17.** Liquefy (clique – c + f + Y); **19.** Fishers (fissures); **21.** Transit (N + S + trait); **22.** Avocado (ova + c. + ado); **24.** Islam (is + lam); **27.** Rogue (urge + O); **28.** Pussyfoot (out of spy's); **29.** Goaltender (gnarled toe); **30.** Sync (sink)

DOWN: 1. Stagecraft (stag + farce + t); **2.** Dosed (D + does); **4.** Predawn (ed. + prawn); **5.** Anthill (than + ill); **6.** Emcee (sEeMs ClEvEr); **7.** Temptress (temp + tress); **8.** Yeti (yet + I); **10.** Rewrote (were + rot); **14.** Systematic (city's + teams); **16.** Nostalgia (again lost); **18.** Quality (lit + quay); **20.** Sharpen (phrase + n.); **21.** Tootsie (toots + i.e.); **23.** Overt (over + T); **25.** Loony (loon-y); **26.** Crag (C + rag)

61 CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2

ACROSS: 1. Motto (bottom – b); **4.** Aerosmith (A + more hits); **9.** Anguish (languish – l); **10.** Trooper (report + O); **11.** Hernando de Soto (honored as noted); **13.** No mean feat (to Anne fame); **15.** Feds (fed + S); **17.** Rife (r + i + Fe); **19.** Barents Sea (bass + rent + e + A); **22.** Merriam-Webster (merrier + Am. + web's + T); **25.** Crouton (corn + out); **26.** Blister (B-lister); **27.** Engrossed (son's greed); **28.** Gorge (wyominG OR GEorgia)

DOWN: 1. Moan (man + O); **2.** Tag team (get a mat); **3.** Oriental (o + rental + i); **4.** Ashen (as hen); **5.** Rationale (one trial + a); **6.** Shower (sower + H); **7.** Implore (imp lore); **8.** Harbor seal (heal + arbors); **12.** Andromache (had romance); **14.** Fragments (Fr + augments – U); **16.** Stashing (sting + ash); **18.** Furlong (fur + log + n); **20.** Shelter (she let + R); **21.** Bistro (sib + TRO); **23.** Ebbed (e + b + bed); **24.** Free (acronym)

ANSWERS

62 ORDER, PLEASE

J	A	C	C	E	L	E	R	A	T	E	S
A	L	A	S	A	I	A	A	M	A	Z	E
V	U	C	A	R	B	S	C	P	B	E	V
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P	L	A	S	T	I	C	N	E	J	E	V
R	O	G	E	R	S	O	S	H	A	V	E
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X	E	R	O	X	O	D	R	Y	A	R	N
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ACROSS

A Ensure (ensue + r)
B Troop (poor + t)
C Iciest (*ici* + e + st.)
D Accelerates (A car Celeste)
E Yarn (yearn – e)
F Email (israeLI-AMEricans)
G Plastic (last + pic)
H Alas (atlas – t)
I Iambs (Simba)
J Yellowstone (S + yell + ow + tone)
K Opera (a rope)
L Carbs (R + cabs)
M Shave (S + have, & lit.)
N Newest (nest + we)
O Amaze (um A's)
P Erewhon (Nowhere)
Q Xerox (XX + er + O)
R Rogers (roger's)

DOWN

1 Javelin (An evil + J)
2 Alumna (manual)
3 Cacao (CA + CA + O)
4 Earless (sealers)
5 Libretti (twITTER BILl)
6 Ease (easel – l)
7 Amp (camp – c)
8 Tabu (tab + U)
9 Seven (S. + even)
10 Acne (bAlCoNiEs)
11 Zeros (sore + Z)
12 Swipe (S + wipe)
13 Obese (cheESEBOards)
14 Rip cords (Doris CPR)
15 Consort (con + sort)
16 Taverns (TN's + aver)
17 Elope (chapEL OPEnly)
18 Revere (two meanings)
19 Proxy (pro + x, y)
20 T. rex (tea wrecks)
21 Japan (*ja* + pan)
22 Girl (L + rig)
23 Stow (Stowe)
24 Pol (poll – l)

63 STRIKEOUTS

T	H	R	E	E	H	U	N	D	R	E	D
G	I	S	T	X	R	I	G	A	T	E	S
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C	Q	S	V	D	I	I	X	D	E	E	D
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U	N	S	U	B	D	X	E	D	O	E	T
S	T	A	R	C	X	E	D	E	M	M	Y
A	P	E	R	F	E	C	T	G	A	M	E

ACROSS

1 Gist (cardioloGIST)
4 Frigates (rig + fates)
10 Overspend (P.S. never do)
11 Opal (initial letters)
12 Isomer (is more)
13 Bankside (ban + kids + E)
14 Allotted (all + to + Ted)
16 Edge (ed. + gets – t,s)
17 Hermit (Tim + her)
23 Indeed (denied)
26 Auto (astronAUT Obviously)
27 Embedder (red + deb + me)
28 Symposia (my soap is)
30 Pierce (piece + R)
31 Golf (final letters)
32 Unsubdued (UN + sub + due + D)
33 Starched (cart + shed)
34 Emmy (me + my)

DOWN

1 Growth (g + throw)
2 Inhale (I + N + H + ale)
3 Stables (S + tables)
4 Eventide (event + I'd + e)
5 Reek (thREE Kumquats)
6 Irises (I's + rise)
7 Apogee (APO + gee)
8 Energy (green + y)
9 Server (sever + r)
15 Detested (deed + test)
18 Bedroom (boredom)
19 Campus (CA + MP + U.S.)
20 Quaint (quint + a)
21 Voyeur (v + you're)
22 Impede (imp + ede)
24 Emblem (assEMBLE Mosaic)
25 Drafty (dry + aft)
29 Once (C + E + on)

ANSWERS

64 SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

A	L	L	O	T	I	N	A	M	E	R	I	C	A
C	R	I	B	S	C	R	A	N	K	C	A	S	E
M	E	D	A	L	I	S	T	L	A	U	R	E	L
A	B	A	S	E	S	E	A	S	E	S	O	F	F
N	I	C	H	E	S	I	N	S	I	G	N	I	A
C	R	E	E	P	I	N	G	S	T	R	O	L	L
S	Y	D	O	W	S	O	M	E	T	I	M	E	S
B	U	S	T	A	M	O	V	E	S	T	R	U	T
H	I	G	H	L	Y	M	E	L	T	O	R	M	E
T	R	U	C	K	L	E	T	O	S	T	R	A	W
R	A	S	P	E	D	S	O	R	E	S	P	O	T
R	E	T	R	O	F	U	S	E	L	A	G	E	S
A	M	O	E	B	A	R	E	S	T	R	I	C	T
D	I	O	D	E	M	A	S	S	A	C	R	E	S

1. Sleepwalked
2. Item veto
3. Narcissism
4. Sesame
5. Debar
6. Sheedy
7. Angstrom
8. Trice
9. Custom
10. Signoras
11. Righto
12. Gale Storm
13. Al Stewart
14. *Cadillac Man*
15. Lake Manitoba
16. Profusely
17. Subscriber
18. Radio
19. Flea circuses
20. Mooniest
21. Casseroles
22. Rest stops
23. Earth
24. True-life

66 FAMILY REUNIONS

FAMILY ONE
NBA teams

1. Heat
2. Magic
3. Spurs
4. Kings
5. Lakers
6. Celtics
7. Pistons
8. Hornets
9. Thunder
10. Pelicans

FAMILY TWO
"Hot" followers

1. Tub
2. Bed
3. Dog
4. Line
5. Cake
6. Toddy
7. Plate
8. Pepper
9. Potato
10. Springs

FAMILY THREE
Math terms

1. Root
2. Terms
3. Radical
4. Formula
5. Integer
6. Variable
7. Fraction
8. Exponent
9. Equation
10. Operation

FAMILY FOUR
World currency units

1. Yen
2. Yuan
3. Rand
4. Peso
5. Euro
6. Ruble
7. Rupee
8. Dinar
9. Pound
10. Dollar

67 SOUND MIX

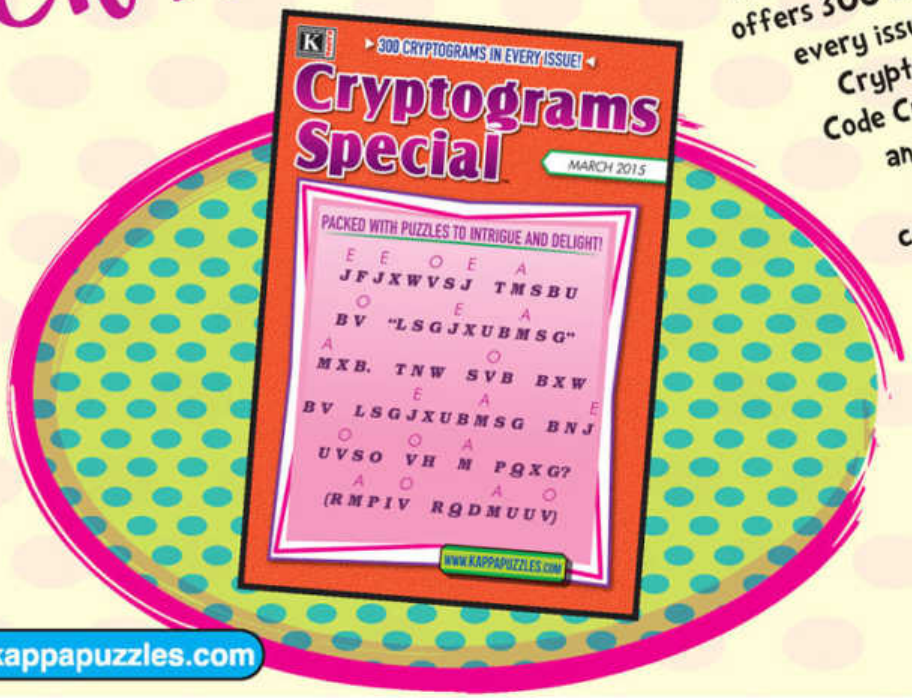
1. Air/heir
2. Idle/idol
3. Pause/paws
4. Thyme/time
5. Doe/dough
6. Chute/shoot
7. Core/corps
8. Side/sighed
9. Rain/reign
10. Earn/urn
11. Tail/tale
12. Caret/carrot
13. Paced/paste
14. Ate/eight
15. Praise/preys
16. Nay/neigh
17. Knows/nose
18. Licker/liquor
19. Crews/cruise
20. Wait/weight
21. Faro/pharaoh
22. Colonel/kernel
23. Allowed/aloud
24. Frays/phrase
25. Marshal/martial

67 PENCIL ME IN

F	O	R	T	H	E	B	E	S	T	■	S	T	A	I	R	S	T	E	P	■	T	A	P	S
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I	S	A	I	A	H	■	■	D	E	V	I	A	T	O	R	S	■	G	E	T	O	N	I	T
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